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SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND LOIS LANE

PART I

POOR LOIS LANE! SHE'S ATTRACTIVE, BUT SHE'S NOT GETTING ANY YOUNGER! SHE'S A STAR REPORTER, BUT HER CLEVERNESS CAN'T WIN HER **SUPERMAN!** SHE WORSHIPS THE GROUND HE FLIES OVER, BUT SHE KNOWS SHE'LL NEVER GET THE MAN SHE'S CHASING! SO, DESPERATE FOR LOVE AND AFFECTION, SHE PURSUES...

The UNKNOWN SUPERMAN!

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THERE, MISS LANE! MY **TALENT-TRACER** HAS PIN-POINTED THE PLACE... LONGITUDE 106°... LATITUDE 35°... JUST EAST OF ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO... WHERE YOU'LL MEET THE **UNKNOWN SUPER-PERSON** YOU ARE DESTINED TO MARRY!

CIAN | TEACHER | ACCOUNTANT
AWYER | ATHLETE | SUPER-PERSON
ER | ARTIST

AND HE ISN'T **SUPERMAN!** SOUNDS INCREDIBLE... BUT THEN, I'LL NEVER KNOW UNLESS I TRY! **SUPER-PERSON** HERE I COME!

FROM: **LOIS LANE** #49 (MAY, 1944).
ART: KURT SCHAFFENBERGER

ONE MORNING, AT THE **PLANET** OFFICE...

'BYE, LOIS! I'M OFF ON A MISSION IN SPACE! PERRY WHITE GAVE ME PERMISSION TO PICK UP CLARK KENT AND TAKE HIM ALONG TO COVER THE STORY... SO YOU'LL HAVE TO DIG UP YOUR OWN SCOOPS TILL I RETURN!

DON'T WORRY, **SUPERMAN!** I'LL MANAGE SOMEHOW...

AN HOUR LATER, AS LOIS' PHONE RINGS...

LOOK, MISS LANE... YOU DON'T KNOW ME, BUT SHOW UP TONIGHT AT 7 P.M. AT THE CORNER OF 6TH AND REGENT, AND I'LL GUARANTEE YOU THE NEWS STORY OF THE YEAR!

HMM... THIS COULD BE A PHONEY TIP, BUT I'LL TAKE A CHANCE...

OKAY! I'LL BE THERE!

THAT EVENING, AS THE CURIOUS REPORTER WAITS RESTLESSLY AT THE RENDEZVOUS POINT...
IT'S 7:45... AND ALL I'VE GOTTEN OUT OF THIS DEAL IS ACHING FEET! I GUESS IT WAS SOME PRANKSTER WHO PHONED ME.. OR A CRANK!
SUDDENLY...
BARRROOM
AN EXPLOSION... FROM THAT BUILDING I'LL DASH IN AND SEE IF ANYBODY GOT HURT!
SECONDS AFTER...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? SHALL I CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT?
OH, NO! JUST HAND ME MY GLASSES AND HELP ME TO MY FEET! I CAN PUT OUT THE FLAMES WITH MY FIRE EXTINGUISHER...
YOU SEE, I DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT MY TALENT-TRACER! IT'S NOT PERFECTED YET! ONE TINY ELECTRONIC MALFUNCTION AND... POOF!
TALENT-TRACER? THAT MACHINE? IT LOOKS LIKE A MONSTER COMPUTER! WHAT'S IT GOT TO DO WITH TRACING TALENT?
I'M AFRAID I CAN'T TELL YOU! I'VE BEEN WORKING ON IT IN UTTER SECRECY! IF NEWS LEAKED OUT ABOUT IT, PREMATURELY...
COME... YOU CAN TRUST ME! HERE'S MY PRESS PASS! I'M LOIS LANE OF THE DAILY PLANET! YOU HAVE MY WORD AS AN HONEST REPORTER NOT TO PRINT ANYTHING WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT!
LOIS LANE! OF COURSE I KNOW YOUR REPUTATION... AND I TRUST YOU COMPLETELY! IN FACT, I'LL DEMONSTRATE THIS INVENTION, WHICH CAN TRACE AND PINPOINT THE GREATEST UNKNOWN TALENTS IN THE WORLD! GO AHEAD! PICK A CATEGORY!

GOSH, THERE ARE SO MANY! I DON'T KNOW WHICH ONE TO CHOOSE, MR...ER...
DR. DROLC IS MY NAME! FOR DEMONSTRATION PURPOSES, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT TALENT YOU SELECT, MISS LANE! PUSH ANY BUTTON AT RANDOM...
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TEACHER
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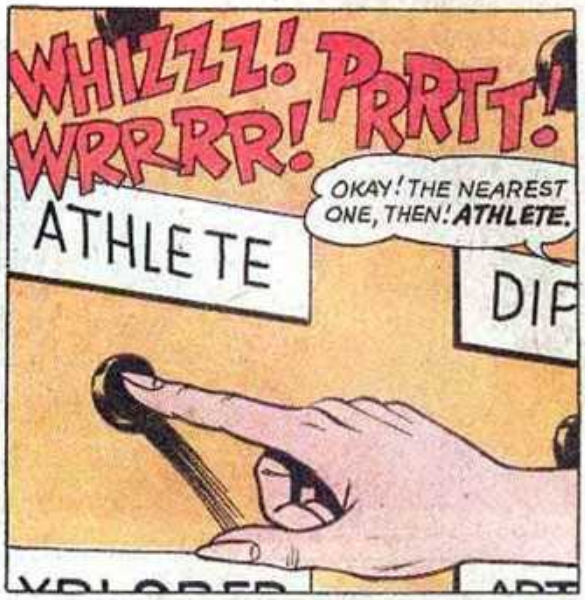
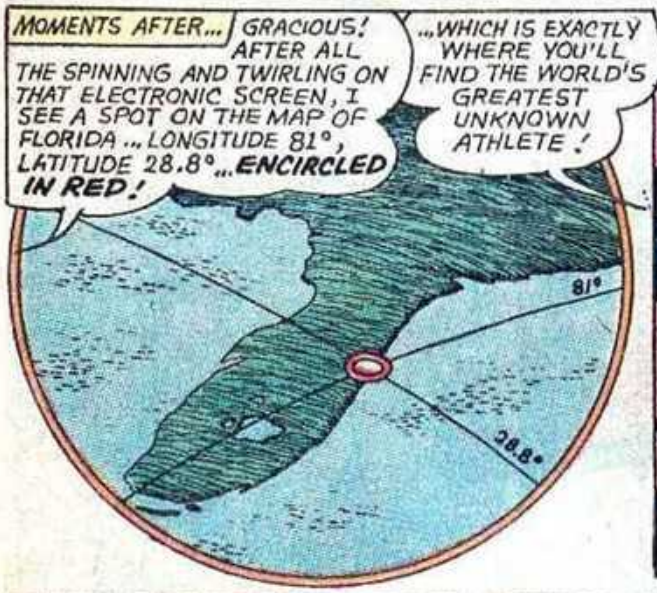

WHIZZZ! WRRRR! PRRTT!
OKAY! THE NEAREST ONE, THEN! ATHLETE.
ATHLETE
DIP


MOMENTS AFTER...
GRACIOUS! AFTER ALL THE SPINNING AND TWIRLING ON THAT ELECTRONIC SCREEN, I SEE A SPOT ON THE MAP OF FLORIDA ... LONGITUDE 81°, LATITUDE 28.8°... ENCIRCLED IN RED!
...WHICH IS EXACTLY WHERE YOU'LL FIND THE WORLD'S GREATEST UNKNOWN ATHLETE!
81°
28.8°

BUT HOW'LL I RECOGNIZE HIM?
SIMPLE! YOU'LL WEAR THESE DARK GLASSES! WHEN YOU ENCOUNTER HIM IN THE PIN-POINTED AREA, THE SPECIALLY TREATED LENSES WILL ENABLE YOU TO SEE HIM ENVELOPED IN A MYSTERIOUS AURA, INVISIBLE TO ANYONE ELSE!

I KNOW YOU'RE SKEPTICAL OF MY TALENT-TRACER, MISS LANE, BUT I ASSURE YOU IT WORKS! YIELD TO YOUR CURIOSITY... YOU WON'T REGRET IT! FLY TO FLORIDA!
OKAY, DOC! YOU SOLD ME! THAT ANONYMOUS CALL DIDN'T PAN OUT, BUT MAYBE I'LL GET THE SCOOP OF THE YEAR IF MY TRIP TO FLORIDA UNCOVERS THE WORLD'S GREATEST ATHLETE!

NEXT MORNING, AFTER LOIS JETS SOUTHWARD...
WELL, I'M IN THE TARGET ZONE INDICATED BY THE TALENT-TRACER! HMM...HERE'S THE METROPOLIS 'METEORS'" TRAINING CAMP! THEY'RE BOARDING A BUS TO PLAY A GRAPEFRUIT LEAGUE GAME!
WAIT, MR. GRANT! I'M JOE BRANT OF THE ROCKVILLE MINERS!
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I HITCHED DOWN TO YOUR TRAINING CAMP, HOPING YOU'D GIVE ME A TRYOUT!
SORRY, SON! NOT TODAY! WE'RE PLAYING AN EXHIBITION GAME!
METEO
GOOD GRIEF! THAT WEIRD AURA DR. DROLC MENTIONED... ;GASP!;... IT'S FORMED AROUND THAT ROOKIE TALKING WITH THE "METEORS'" MANAGER!
MOMENTS LATER, AS LOIS TRAILS THE LANKY YOUTH INTO THE DESERTED BALL PARK...
HE'S TAKING SOME PRACTICE PITCHES! BUT HE'S CRAZY! HE'S AIMING THE BALL AT A KNOTHOLE, HARDLY BIGGER THAN THE BASEBALL ITSELF! AND FROM A DISTANCE OF OVER 200 FEET!
OMIGOSH!... ;GASP!;... HE HURLED IT RIGHT THROUGH THE KNOTHOLE WITH TERRIFIC SPEED! IT MUST BE A FLUKE! A ONE-IN-A-MILLION PITCH!
ZIPPP!
BUT AS LOIS CONTINUES TO WATCH...
INCREDIBLE! HE'S DONE IT AGAIN!
AND AGAIN!
THEN THE TALENT-TRACER DIDN'T LIE! THIS UNKNOWN ROOKIE IS BETTER THAN WALTER JOHNSON, BOB FELLER AND SANDY KOUFAX ROLLED INTO ONE!
NEXT DAY, IN METROPOLIS...
YOUR DEVICE WORKED, DR. DROLC... THIS TIME, ANYWAY! BUT TO MAKE SURE IT WASN'T JUST AN ACCIDENT, I'D LIKE TO... WELL... UH...
TRY IT AGAIN? BY ALL MEANS DOUBLE-CHECK, MISS LANE! PICK AN ALTOGETHER DIFFERENT CATEGORY! MY TALENT-TRACER IS AT YOUR DISPOSAL!
WZZZ! WHRRR! PRRIT!
MUSICIAN
TEACHE
LAWYE
ATHLE
DOCTOR
...MUSICIAN! IT'D BE THRILLING TO DISCOVER A SECOND JASCHA HEIFETZ!
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GASP!...GOODNESS! THE LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE IS THAT OF METROPOLIS!
CORRECT! SOMEWHERE IN THIS GREAT CITY EXISTS AN UNCELEBRATED AND UNHEARD OF MUSICAL GENIUS! GO FORTH AND FIND HIM!
HOURS LATER, AS LOIS COMBS THE CITY...
OMIGOSH! THERE HE IS...ENVELOPED IN THE SAME MYSTERIOUS AURA! HE'S JUST A TATTERED BEGGAR WITH A TIN CUP... BUT HOW MAGNIFICENTLY HE PLAYS HIS VIOLIN!
EVERYONE, YOUNG AND OLD, IS MOVED TO TEARS BY HIS ARTISTRY! AND YET NOBODY IN THE CONCERT WORLD KNOWS OF HIS EXISTENCE!
LOOK, FRIEND... IT'S ILLEGAL TO BEG WITHOUT A LICENSE! BUT I HAVEN'T GOT THE HEART TO RUN YOU IN! YOU PLAY TOO BEAUTIFULLY! SO JUST MOVE ON, HUH... PLEASE?
EVEN THIS TOUGH COP IS TOUCHED BY HIS MUSIC...
THERE HE GOES...LIKE A "PIED PIPER" OF THE FIDDLE...EVERYBODY FOLLOWING HIM, ENTRANCED BY HIS MUSIC! WELL, THIS PROVES DR. DROLC'S INVENTION IS NO FLASH IN THE PAN! HIS TALENT-TRACER WORKS TO PERFECTION!
AN HOUR LATER...
WELL, MISS LANE, I'VE GOT A SPECIAL SURPRISE FOR YOU. I'VE ADDED A NEW BUTTON TO MY MACHINE. PUSH IT--AND IT MAY LEAD YOU TO AN UNKNOWN BEING WHO POSSESSES SUPER-POWERS!
HMM...IT READS: SUPER-PERSON! SOUNDS IMPOSSIBLE, BUT WHAT CAN I LOSE BY TRYING?
SUPER-PERSON
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What would you call a game with pitchers, hitters, runners, outs, base hits, double plays, home runs and a . . . chain?

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AURORA

AFTER THE TALENT-TRACER CLICKS AND WHIRRS...
LONGITUDE...106 DEGREES... LATITUDE...35 DEGREES! JUST EAST OF ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO! WELL, MISS LANE? CARE TO INVESTIGATE?
ARE YOU KIDDING? ANOTHER MAN LIKE SUPERMAN CAN'T EXIST! IF HE DOES ...WELL, JUST LET ME AT HIM! I'M HOPPING THE FIRST JET TO THE SOUTH-WEST!

THE FOLLOWING DAY, AS A HELICOPTER-TAXI FROM THE AIRPORT LANDS LOIS IN THE PIN-POINTED AREA...
HMM...THE PILOT WAS RIGHT ABOUT THERE BEING A DROUGHT IN THIS AREA! THE GROUND IS COVERED WITH BROWN, PARCHED PATCHES, AND EVERY WATER-HOLE IS DRIED UP!

SHORTLY AFTER...
WOW! DROLC'S TALENT-TRACER DID IT AGAIN! AN AURA IS ENVELOPING THAT INDIAN FOREST RANGER COMING FROM THAT INDIAN RESERVATION!
GREETINGS, MISS LANE! DON'T BE SURPRISED THAT I RECOGNIZE YOU! I FREQUENTLY SAW YOUR PICTURE IN THE DAILY PLANET WHEN I WAS A STUDENT AT METROPOLIS UNIVERSITY!

THOUGH I GRADUATED AS AN ENGINEER, I GAVE UP MY CAREER TO BECOME A FOREST RANGER SO I COULD BE AMONG MY PEOPLE! I WOULD LIKE TO USE MY SCIENTIFIC EDUCATION TO HELP MY TRIBE IMPROVE THEIR LOT!
HMM...HE'S AS NOBLE AND SELF-SACRIFICING AS SUPERMAN!

OH-OH... I JUST HEARD A FAINT CRY FROM MY VILLAGE...CALLING 'FIRE'! EVEN A SMALL SPARK COULD CAUSE A SERIOUS FOREST FIRE IN THESE DROUGHT-DRY WOODS! QUICK! MOUNT MY HORSE AND WE'LL INVESTIGATE!
I DIDN'T HEAR A THING! IF HE DID, HE MUST HAVE SUPER-HEARING!
ALL RIGHT!

A MINUTE LATER...
YOU WERE RIGHT! THERE'S THE FIRE! THE FLAMES WILL REACH YOUR VILLAGE IN NO TIME BECAUSE THE FOREST IS AS DRY AS A TINDER-BOX!
TRUE, MISS LANE! BUT THE PEOPLE ARE IN LUCK! A SUDDEN GUSH OF WIND IS BEGINNING TO RUSH THROUGH THE AREA!

GOOD HEAVENS! HE'S PURSING HIS LIPS TO BLOW OUT THE FLAMES THE WAY SUPERMAN WOULD USE HIS SUPER-BREATH! HE POSSESSES SUPERMAN'S POWERS AND, LIKE SUPERMAN, HAS ADOPTED A SECRET IDENTITY... THAT OF A "FOREST-RANGER"!

SECONDS AFTER... THE GREAT SPIRIT HAS BEEN KIND TO MY TRIBE, SENDING THAT FATEFUL WIND TO PUT OUT THE FIRE! BUT YOUR LIPS LOOK PARCHED, MISS LANE! DRINK SOME WATER FROM MY CANTEEN!
HOW KIND HE IS... JUST LIKE SUPERMAN! I KNOW HE PUT OUT THE FLAMES WITH HIS SUPER-BREATH, BUT I'LL PRETEND TO SWALLOW HIS ALIBI ABOUT THE "WIND"!

THEN, AS THE PAIR SITS ON THE GROUND TO CHAT...
SO YOUR INDIAN NAME IS STRONG BEAR, EH? WELL, I'D SHOCK YOU IF I TOLD YOU OF THE MAN YOU REMIND ME OF...
A RATTLE-SNAKE! LOOK OUT, MISS LANE!
RRRAAAKKKRR!

OMIGOSH! HE MOVED AT SUPER-SPEED, AND THE RATTLER'S FANGS BROKE OFF WHEN THEY STRUCK STRONG BEAR'S HAND! THAT PROVES HIS SKIN IS IMPENETRABLE! HE'S INVULNERABLE... LIKE SUPERMAN!
CRAACKK!

YOU SAVED MY LIFE! BUT IN SUCH AN INCREDIBLE WAY... IT'S AS THOUGH YOU WERE THE FABULOUS MAN OF STEEL--MY FRIEND, SUPERMAN!
YOU MAY AS WELL KNOW THE TRUTH, MISS LANE! I'M NOT THE MAN OF STEEL, BUT MY POWERS SURPASS EVEN HIS, EVEN THOUGH I DON'T COME FROM THE PLANET KRYPTON! LET ME TELL YOU MY ORIGIN...
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SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND

LOIS LANE

PART II

JUST WHEN LOIS IS SURE SHE HAS FOUND HAPPINESS WITH THE ONE MAN WHO CAN MAKE HER FORGET HER HOPELESS LOVE FOR **SUPERMAN**, SHE LEARNS THE TERRIBLE, TRAGIC TRUTH ABOUT HER NEW SWEETHEART--

THE SECRET OF STRONG BEAR!

I LOVE YOU, STRONG BEAR!

I LOVE YOU, STRONG BEAR!

I LOVE YOU, STRONG BEAR!

I LOVE YOU, STRONG BEAR!

HARK! EVEN THE HILLS ABOUT THE **POOL OF ECHOES** RING WITH YOUR LOVE FOR **STRONG BEAR!**

THEN, AS **STRONG BEAR** LEADS LOIS INTO THE FOREST...

I DERIVE MY SUPER-POWERS FROM THE LAST OF THE GREAT MEDICINE MEN, AN ANCESTOR OF MINE! THAT TOTEM POLE, ERECTED TO HIS MEMORY, IS OUR TRIBE'S MOST PRECIOUS HEIRLOOM, EVERY THIRD GENERATION, ONE OF MY ANCESTOR'S DESCENDANTS INHERITS HIS SUPER-POWERS! I, HIS GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GRANDSON, AM THE FORTUNATE ONE THIS TIME!

YOU **EXPOSE** YOUR SECRET IDENTITY TO ME, A PERFECT STRANGER?

YOU'RE NO STRANGER TO ME, MISS LANE... **LOIS**, I MEAN! I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU AT FIRST SIGHT! WHY SHOULD I KEEP ANYTHING SECRET FROM SOMEONE I LOVE?

THIS IS AMAZING! WHILE SUPERMAN JEALOUSLY GUARDS HIS SECRET IDENTITY, STRONG BEAR FREELY REVEALS IT! AND SUPERMAN NEVER ONCE SAID HE LOVED ME...
I IMAGINE YOU ARE THINKING OF THE HARM THAT MAY BEFALL YOU IF MY ENEMIES DISCOVERED YOU KNEW MY TRUE IDENTITY! FEAR NOT, DEAREST LOIS!
I HAVE NO ENEMIES WHO MIGHT WANT REVENGE ON ME OR MY LOVED ONES, FOR I DO NOT SEEK FAME OR GLORY AS SUPERMAN DOES! I PERFORM MY GOOD DEEDS ONLY IN THIS TINY AREA FOR MY OWN PEOPLE! I PREFER TO REMAIN AN ANONYMOUS HERO!
HE IS EVEN MORE MODEST THAN SUPERMAN! DR. DROLC'S TALENT-TRACER HAS UNEARTHED A SUPER-PERSON WHOSE CHARACTER IS COMPLETELY ADMIRABLE.
SPEAK, BEAUTIFUL ONE! TELL ME MY LOVE WILL NOT BE SPURNED! FORGIVE ME... BUT I CANNOT RESIST YOUR LOVELY LIPS!
OMIGOSH! HIS KISS IS EVERY BIT AS EXCITING AS SUPERMAN'S!
I NOW AWAIT YOUR DECISION! WILL YOU OR WILL YOU NOT BECOME MY WIFE?
I MUST BE DREAMING! STRONG BEAR IS EVERY INCH A "SUPERMAN"! WHY SHOULDN'T I MARRY HIM? AFTER ALL THESE YEARS I SHOULD RESIGN MYSELF TO THE FACT THAT MY LOVE FOR SUPERMAN IS HOPELESS!
VERY WELL, STRONG BEAR! I AM HAPPY TO ACCEPT YOUR PROPOSAL!
HOLA! THIS IS THE MOST JOYOUS DAY OF MY LIFE! I WILL CELEBRATE THE OCCASION BY ENDING THIS TERRIBLE DROUGHT!
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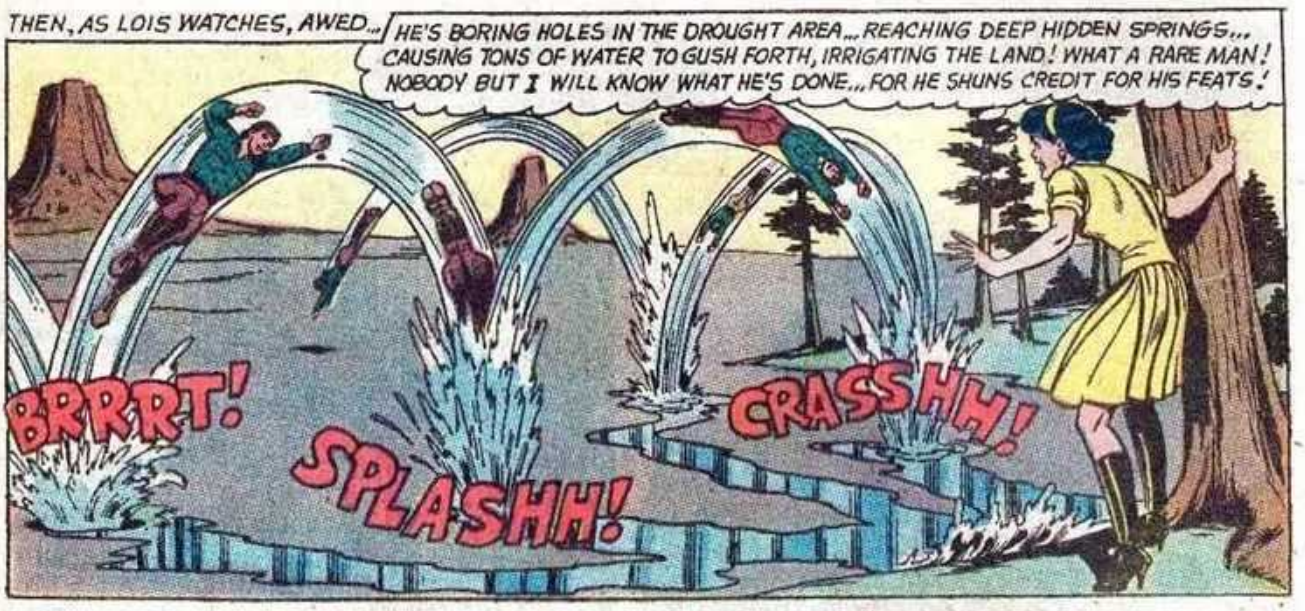
THEN, AS LOIS WATCHES, AWED...
HE'S BORING HOLES IN THE DROUGHT AREA... REACHING DEEP HIDDEN SPRINGS... CAUSING TONS OF WATER TO GUSH FORTH, IRRIGATING THE LAND! WHAT A RARE MAN! NOBODY BUT I WILL KNOW WHAT HE'S DONE... FOR HE SHUNS CREDIT FOR HIS FEATS!
BRRRT!
SPLASHH!
CRASSHH!

SOON, AS STRONG BEAR RETURNS WITH A STRANGE GREEN NECKLACE...
GOOD HEAVENS! THIS GIFT YOU BROUGHT ME... GASP!... IT'S MADE OF GREEN KRYPTONITE! AREN'T ITS RADIATIONS DEADLY TO YOU?
NO, LOIS DEAR, FOR I AM NOT A NATIVE OF KRYPTON! MY FATHER DISCOVERED A KRYPTONITE METEOR THE DAY BEFORE HIS WEDDING!

HE MADE A NECKLACE OUT OF IT AND PRESENTED IT TO MY MOTHER AS A WEDDING PRESENT, JUST AS I NOW GIVE IT TO MY BETROTHED! COME! WE'LL ASK THE CHIEF OF MY TRIBE TO MARRY US!
SO HE'S EVEN IMMUNE TO KRYPTONITE! THAT MAKES HIS POWERS EVEN GREATER THAN SUPERMAN'S!

PRESENTLY, IN THE INDIAN VILLAGE...
VERY WELL, MY CHILDREN! YOU SHALL BE MARRIED! NOW, ACCORDING TO OUR CUSTOMS, YOU, STRONG BEAR, MUST GIVE YOUR RING TO YOUR BRIDE-TO-BE... WHILE SHE BATHES IN THE POOL OF ECHOES FOR AN HOUR, ATTENDED BY HAND-MAIDENS!

YOU ARE FORTUNATE, PALE ONE! FOR HAD NOT MANITOU SUDDENLY FILLED OUR WELLS AND POOLS WITH WATER, YOU COULD NOT BATHE IN THE POOL OF ECHOES AND THUS BECOME WED!
THAT'S ODD! I SEEM TO RECOGNIZE THIS RING... BUT WHERE HAVE I SEEN IT BEFORE?
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SHORTLY, AS LOIS BATHES...
NOW, ACCORDING TO OUR TRADITION, YOU MUST PROCLAIM YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR HUSBAND-TO-BE, SO THAT THE CANYON WALLS WILL ECHO YOUR WORDS!
HMM... AN UNUSUAL ROMANTIC CUSTOM... I'LL TRY IT!
I LOVE YOU, STRONG BEAR!
I LOVE YOU, STRONG BEAR!
I LOVE YOU, STRONG BEAR!
I LOVE YOU, STRONG BEAR!
I LOVE YOU, STRONG BEAR!
BUT LATER...
WAIT! I REMEMBER NOW WHERE I SAW THIS RING STRONG BEAR GAVE ME! I SAW IT ON THE FINGERS OF THREE OTHER MEN... DR. DROLC... THE ROOKIE PITCHER... AND THAT VIOLINIST!
SUDDENLY, AS STRONG BEAR APPEARS...
THE RING... GASP!... LOIS, I MUST HAVE THE RING BACK!
OHHH! Y-YOU STARTLED ME, STRONG BEAR!... I...
CRACKK!
BY THE GODS! Y-YOU DROPPED THE RING! IT'S CRACKED... AND ALL THE PRECIOUS, LIFE-GIVING GAS IS ESCAPING FROM IT!
WHAT GAS? I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND, STRONG BEAR...
SSSSSS!
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, LOIS! YOU DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THAT RING MEANT TO ME! I'M DOOMED NOW... AND IN A MOMENT, IF YOU CAN BEAR TO LOOK, YOU'LL SEE MY DOOM WRITTEN IN MY FACE!
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OMIGOSH!...
AYE...THE HANDSOME FACE HAS BECOME THE VISAGE OF A MONSTER! I DECEIVED YOU! IT WAS I WHO POSED AS DR. DROLC...ALSO THE YOUNG ATHLETE AND THE BEGGAR MUSICIAN! THE TALENT-TRACER WAS A FAKE DEVICE I USED TO TRICK YOU!
NOW I REALIZE WHY EACH "GREAT UNKNOWN" YOUR MACHINE "LOCATED" WORE THIS RING! THOUGH YOU IMPERSONATED ALL OF THEM, THIS RING PROBABLY GAVE YOU THE POWER OF DISPLAYING DIFFERENT GREAT TALENTS!
NO, LOIS! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF THAT RING!
IT DOESN'T GIVE ME ANY SUPER-POWERS! I ACQUIRED THEM THE INSTANT I ARRIVED ON YOUR EARTH! THE RING HAD TWO DIFFERENT FUNCTIONS! THERE WAS A RARE GAS INSIDE THE SHATTERED GLASS GEM THAT DID TWO VITAL THINGS...
FIRST, THE GAS GAVE ME A UNIQUE POWER KNOWN AS "THE ADAPTIVE ULTIMATE"! WITH THIS ADAPTIVE POWER, I COULD METAMORPH MYSELF INTO ANY HUMAN SHAPE I DESIRED! YOU SAW PROOF OF THAT WHEN I BECAME, VARIOUSLY, DR. DROLC, THE PITCHER, THE VIOLINIST AND STRONG BEAR!
THE RING'S SECOND FUNCTION WAS THAT IT ENABLED ME TO LIVE ON EARTH! NOW THAT THE GAS HAS ESCAPED, I CAN ADAPT NO LONGER! I'VE REVERTED TO MY ORIGINAL APPEARANCE AND I WILL SOON DIE!
IS THERE SOME ANTIDOTE?
NO! NOT EVEN SUPERMAN CAN HELP ME NOW! HEAR ME, DEAREST LOIS, FOR I SHALL SOON TURN TO DUST! I LIED TO YOU ABOUT MY ORIGIN! THAT TOTEM POLE...THE STORY OF HOW I GAINED MY SUPER-POWERS... THEY WERE ALL LIES!
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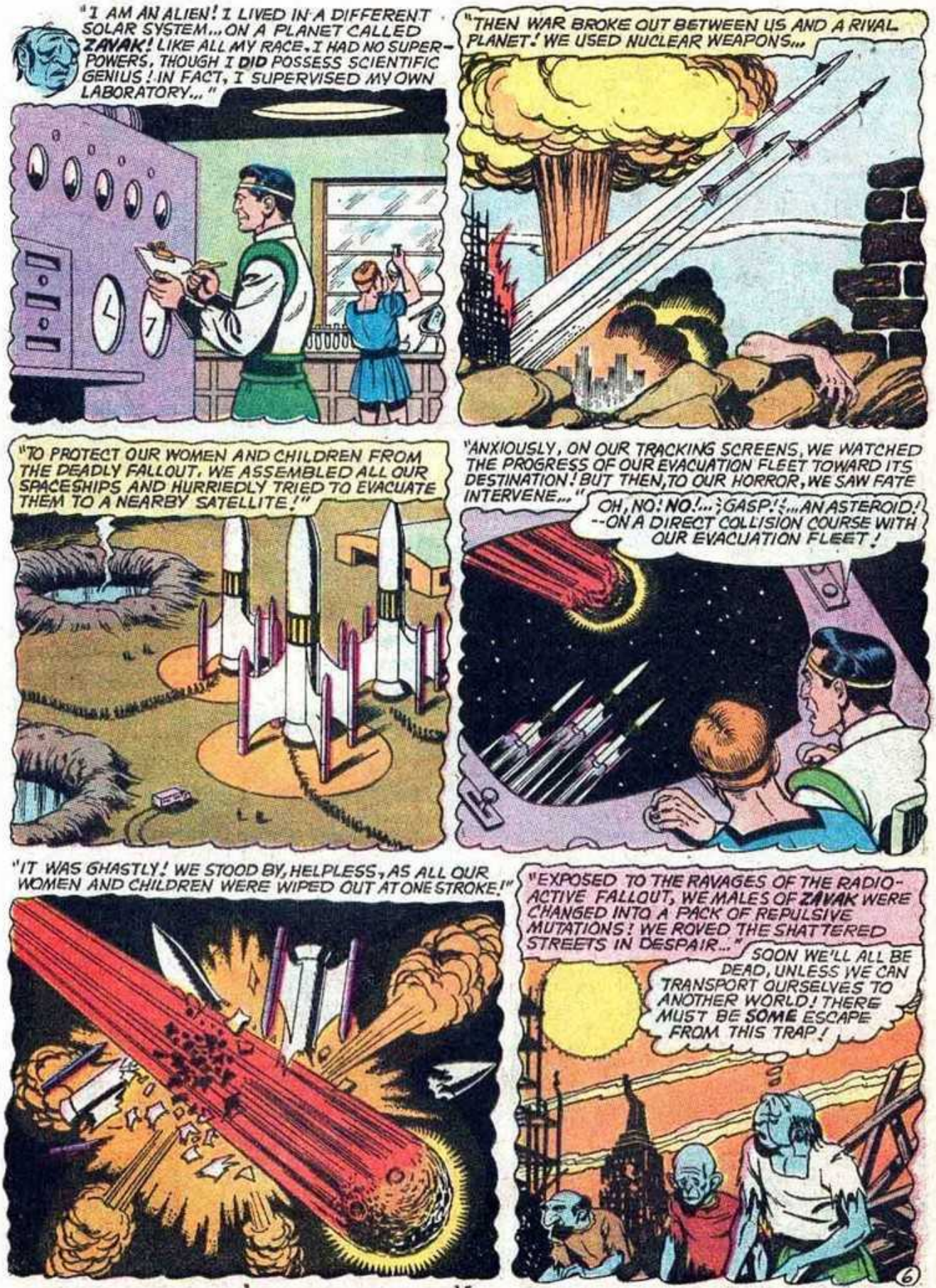
"I AM AN ALIEN! I LIVED IN A DIFFERENT SOLAR SYSTEM... ON A PLANET CALLED ZAVAK! LIKE ALL MY RACE, I HAD NO SUPER-POWERS, THOUGH I DID POSSESS SCIENTIFIC GENIUS! IN FACT, I SUPERVISED MY OWN LABORATORY..."
"THEN WAR BROKE OUT BETWEEN US AND A RIVAL PLANET! WE USED NUCLEAR WEAPONS...
"TO PROTECT OUR WOMEN AND CHILDREN FROM THE DEADLY FALLOUT, WE ASSEMBLED ALL OUR SPACESHIPS AND HURRIEDLY TRIED TO EVACUATE THEM TO A NEARBY SATELLITE!"
"ANXIOUSLY, ON OUR TRACKING SCREENS, WE WATCHED THE PROGRESS OF OUR EVACUATION FLEET TOWARD ITS DESTINATION! BUT THEN, TO OUR HORROR, WE SAW FATE INTERVENE..."
OH, NO! NO!... GASP!... AN ASTEROID! --ON A DIRECT COLLISION COURSE WITH OUR EVACUATION FLEET!
"IT WAS GHASTLY! WE STOOD BY, HELPLESS, AS ALL OUR WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE WIPED OUT AT ONE STROKE!"
"EXPOSED TO THE RAVAGES OF THE RADIO-ACTIVE FALLOUT, WE MALES OF ZAVAK WERE CHANGED INTO A PACK OF REPULSIVE MUTATIONS! WE ROVED THE SHATTERED STREETS IN DESPAIR..."
SOON WE'LL ALL BE DEAD, UNLESS WE CAN TRANSPORT OURSELVES TO ANOTHER WORLD! THERE MUST BE SOME ESCAPE FROM THIS TRAP!
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"THERE WAS ONE ESCAPE! IRONICALLY, WE FOUND AN UNDAMAGED ROCKET WHICH COULD REACH ANOTHER SOLAR SYSTEM, BUT CAPABLE OF CARRYING ONLY ONE PASSENGER! THE ONLY JUST THING TO DO WAS HOLD A LOTTERY..."
REMEMBER...ONLY HE WHO DRAWS THE LUCKY NUMBER CAN GO FORTH FROM THIS DOOMED WORLD! THERE IS NO TIME TO BUILD ANOTHER ROCKET...NOR HAVE WE THE MACHINES AND MATERIALS!

"WELL, I WON THE LOTTERY! I, ALONE OF ALL MY RACE, COULD ESCAPE TO LIVE ELSEWHERE! ZAVAK'S FEW SCIENTISTS BRIEFED ME..."
YOUR LIFE WILL DEPEND ON THIS RING WE HAVE DESIGNED FOR YOU, BRIMOR! THE RARE GAS INSIDE ITS CRYSTAL WILL ENABLE YOU TO ADAPT YOURSELF INTO ANY HUMAN SHAPE! BUT PART WITH THE RING FOR ONE HOUR... AND YOU'LL DIE!
I UNDERSTAND, SIR!

"AND SO I TOOK OFF FROM ZAVAK AS ITS LONE SURVIVOR...AND HEADED TOWARD A NEW LIFE ON EARTH!"
THIS IS THE PLACE FOR ME TO MAKE A FRESH START! FOR YEARS, WE SCIENTISTS OF ZADAK HAVE MONITORED THIS WORLD... AND STOOD ON THE BRINK OF COMMUNICATING WITH IT!

YES, LOIS...HAD NOT THAT TERRIBLE NUCLEAR WAR INTERVENED, WE'D HAVE CONTACTED YOUR EARTH A YEAR AGO, WHICH IS WHEN I ARRIVED ON YOUR PLANET! BUT THIS WAS NOT DESTINED TO OCCUR, ANY MORE THAN I AM DESTINED TO LIVE AND MARRY YOU...

"BEFORE OUR NUCLEAR WAR, I HAD WATCHED SUPER-MAN ON OUR WORLD'S MONITOR SCREENS MANY TIMES..."
SUPERMAN IS MAGNIFICENT! BUT IF EVER I WERE HE, I WOULD USE MY SUPER-POWERS SECRETLY AND ANONYMOUSLY, SO THAT I WOULD NOT BE HAMPERED BY HERO-WORSHIPPERS!
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"AFTER OUR HORRIBLE WAR, I SAW YOU AND LANA LANG FREQUENTLY. THEN, SHORTLY BEFORE I DEPARTED FOR EARTH..."
WITH THE SUPER-POWERS YOU WILL ACQUIRE ON EARTH, YOU CAN EASILY WIN ONE OF THOSE GIRLS AWAY FROM SUPERMAN! WILL YOU CHOOSE -- LANA LANG OR LOIS LANE?
LOIS! IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT!

"ANYWAY, ON MY ARRIVAL HERE, I HAD SUPER-POWERS! I BUILT A NEW MONITOR AND WATCHED YOU OFTEN AT YOUR OFFICE..."
SHE LOVES SUPERMAN, BUT BOTH HE AND SHE KNOW THAT HIS DUTIES WILL NEVER PERMIT THEM TO WED! HOWEVER, IF I LAY MY PLANS CAREFULLY ENOUGH, LOIS LANE MIGHT BE HAPPY TO MARRY ME!

"SO I WENT TO COLLEGE AT NIGHT, ESTABLISHED MYSELF AS A FOREST RANGER, PRETENDED TO BE A LONG-LOST MEMBER OF THAT INDIAN TRIBE YOU SAW, AND THEN RETURNED TO METROPOLIS TO BUILD MY TALENT-TRACER!"
YOU DON'T KNOW IT NOW, LOIS...BUT YOU'RE ABOUT TO MEET THE SUPER-PERSON YOU WILL LOVE INSTEAD OF SUPERMAN!

THE REST YOU KNOW! I LURED YOU TO MY LAB WITH AN ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL! THEN I BEGAN A CUNNING BUILD-UP! FIRST, I CAPTURED YOUR INTEREST AS A REPORTER SEEKING A SCOOP!

AFTER YOU SELECTED A CATEGORY ON THE TALENT-TRACER, I RUSHED TO THE DESIGNATED AREA AND ADAPTED MYSELF INTO THE "UNKNOWN TALENT" YOU WERE LOOKING FOR! BUT I DIDN'T COUNT ON ONE THING! THOUGH I WAS IMMUNE TO KRYPTONITE, WHICH IS DEADLY TO SUPERMAN...

...LIKE SUPERMAN, I HAD ONE VULNERABILITY, TOO! IT RESIDED IN THIS RING! AND THE RING PROVED MY DOWNFALL! THOUGH I STUDIED EARTH CUSTOMS, I DIDN'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT THAT INDIAN TRIBE'S MARRIAGE CEREMONIES...
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...I NEVER EXPECTED THE CHIEF TO GIVE YOU MY PRECIOUS RING! I COULDN'T LAST LONG WITHOUT IT, WHICH IS WHY I CAME TO THE POOL OF ECHOES!
AND I DROPPED THE RING! I'M SO SORRY...
IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT, LOIS! HOW COULD YOU KNOW? BUT I WON'T MIND ANYTHING...NOT EVEN MY DEATH...IF YOU WILL GRANT ME ONE FAVOR! ONE LAST KISS! I LOVED YOU, LOIS... TRULY LOVED YOU...
OF COURSE...
HE'S THE UGLIEST CREATURE I'VE EVER SEEN! BUT THE LOVE HE BEARS ME IS SO BEAUTIFUL THAT SOMEHOW I DON'T MIND KISSING HIM!
SUDDENLY...
GOOD HEAVENS! HE'S TURNED INTO DUST... RIGHT IN MY ARMS!
NOW A GUST OF WIND...A GENUINE BREEZE...IS SCATTERING HIS REMAINS TO EVERY CORNER OF THE FOREST! AND SO TWO DREAMS...HIS AND MINE, BOTH... ARE SHATTERED LIKE THE GLASS OF HIS NOW-USELESS RING!
NEXT DAY, IN METROPOLIS, AT THE PLANET...
LOIS!...GASP!!...ARE YOU C-CRAZY? WHAT ARE YOU DOING, WEARING THAT GREEN KRYPTONITE NECKLACE? DON'T YOU KNOW ITS RADIATIONS ARE FATAL TO ME?
OH! I DIDN'T REALIZE... I MEAN... I THOUGHT THE STONES WERE JADE! I'LL GET RID OF IT, SUPERMAN!
WHEW! THAT'S BETTER! BUT WHERE'D YOU GET THAT RING? PICK IT OUT OF SOME JUNK HEAP?
NO, SUPERMAN! LET'S JUST SAY IT HAS SENTIMENTAL VALUE!
SUPERMAN WILL NEVER KNOW HOW CLOSE I CAME TO THE IDEAL ROMANCE...SIGH!... AS IF HE CARES!
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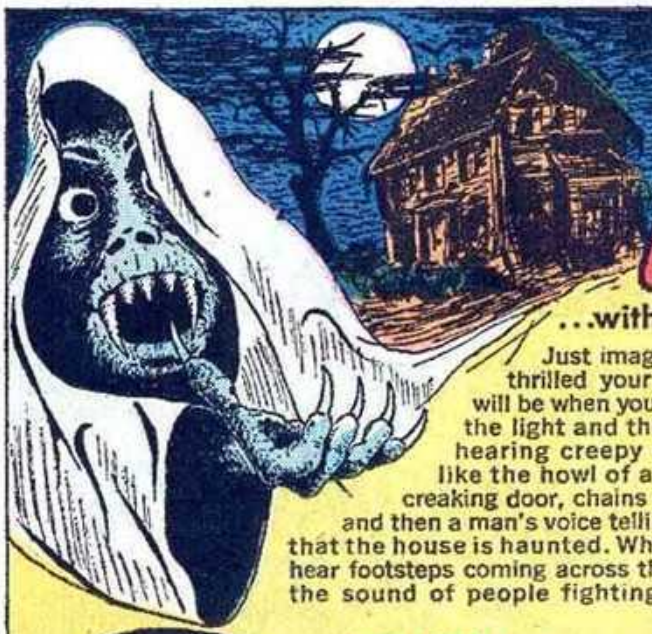
THE END



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SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND LOIS LANE

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LOIS LANE HAS HAD MANY ADMIRERS, BUT NEVER ANY LIKE THE ONE WHO COMES LITERALLY FROM OUT OF THIS WORLD! HERE'S THE STORY OF HER STRANGEST ROMANCE, THE TALE OF...

THE MONSTER WHO LOVED LOIS LANE!

FROM: LOIS LANE #54 (JAN., 1965).

ONE DAY, AT THE **DAILY PLANET**, REPORTER CLARK KENT SECRETLY USES HIS SUPER-POWERS...

OH, OH... I CAN SEE WITH MY X-RAY VISION THAT PERRY'S COMING OUT OF HIS OFFICE WITH AN ASSIGNMENT! SINCE I'VE GOT TO SWITCH TO **SUPERMAN** FOR A SCHEDULED MISSION ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD, I'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE FAST!

A MOMENT AFTER CLARK DUCKS OUT...

A PHYSICIST NAMED DR. ELDER PHONED THAT HE'S FINISHED 10 YEARS' WORK AND IS ABOUT TO MAKE A BIG SCIENTIFIC BREAK-THROUGH! SINCE CLARK AND JIMMY ARE GONE, IT'S UP TO YOU, LOIS!
CLARK **WOULD** LEAVE ME WITH THIS DULL ~~STORY~~ TO COVER! OH, ALL RIGHT!
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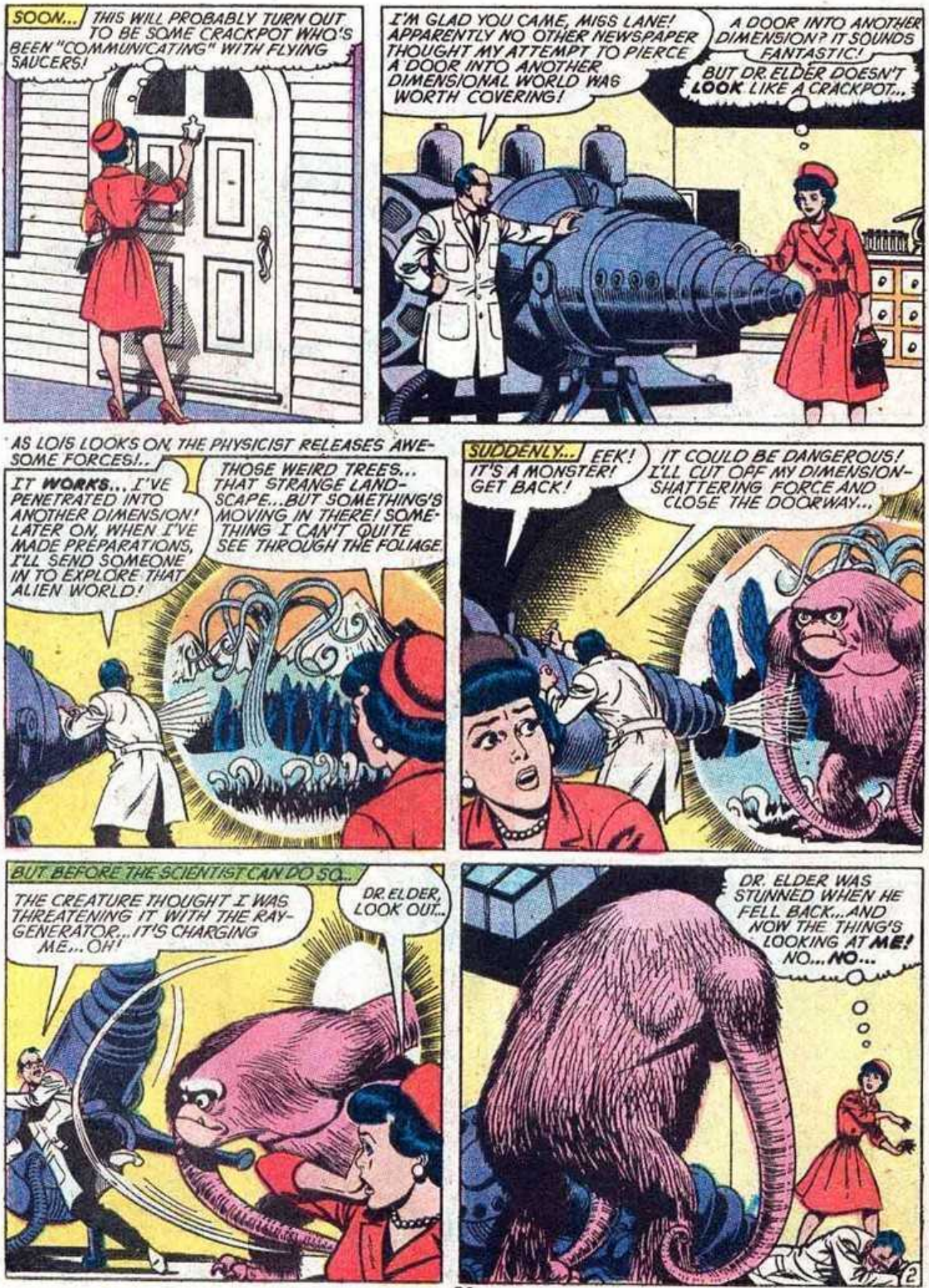
SOON... THIS WILL PROBABLY TURN OUT TO BE SOME CRACKPOT WHO'S BEEN "COMMUNICATING" WITH FLYING SAUCERS!
I'M GLAD YOU CAME, MISS LANE! APPARENTLY NO OTHER NEWSPAPER THOUGHT MY ATTEMPT TO PIERCE A DOOR INTO ANOTHER DIMENSIONAL WORLD WAS WORTH COVERING!
A DOOR INTO ANOTHER DIMENSION? IT SOUNDS FANTASTIC!
BUT DR. ELDER DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A CRACKPOT...
AS LOIS LOOKS ON, THE PHYSICIST RELEASES AWESOME FORCES!..
IT WORKS... I'VE PENETRATED INTO ANOTHER DIMENSION! LATER ON, WHEN I'VE MADE PREPARATIONS, I'LL SEND SOMEONE IN TO EXPLORE THAT ALIEN WORLD!
THOSE WEIRD TREES... THAT STRANGE LANDSCAPE...BUT SOMETHING'S MOVING IN THERE! SOMETHING I CAN'T QUITE SEE THROUGH THE FOLIAGE
SUDDENLY... EEK! IT'S A MONSTER! GET BACK!
IT COULD BE DANGEROUS! I'LL CUT OFF MY DIMENSION-SHATTERING FORCE AND CLOSE THE DOORWAY...
BUT BEFORE THE SCIENTIST CAN DO SO...
THE CREATURE THOUGHT I WAS THREATENING IT WITH THE RAY-GENERATOR... IT'S CHARGING ME... OH!
DR. ELDER, LOOK OUT...
DR. ELDER WAS STUNNED WHEN HE FELL BACK...AND NOW THE THING'S LOOKING AT ME! NO... NO...

A TENTACLE GRASPS THE PARALYZED LOIS...
THIS IS THE END... I'LL NEVER SEE SUPERMAN AGAIN...
BUT, A MOMENT LATER...
IT HASN'T HURT ME YET... IT SEEMS ALMOST FRIENDLY! MAYBE... MAYBE IT'LL PUT ME DOWN IF I MAKE SIGNS TO IT...
HERKO!
IS HERKO ITS NAME? NO MATTER... IT DID PUT ME DOWN... NOW IF I CAN JUST GET OUT OF THIS PLACE...
BUT WHEN LOIS RUNS FRANTICALLY OUT INTO THE STREET...
THAT CAR... THE DRIVER JUMPED OUT IN PANIC WHEN HE SAW THE MONSTER, AND HIS AUTO'S GOING TO HIT ME...
BUT WITH SUPERHUMAN SPEED AND STRENGTH, HERKO ACTS!
IT'S SMASHING THAT CAR AS THOUGH THE MACHINE WERE A LIVING ENEMY WHO WAS TRYING TO HURT ME! IT SEEMS TO WANT TO PROTECT ME... BUT WHY?
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MINUTES LATER, AS POLICE CARS ANSWER AN ALARM...
THE CREATURE'S A NIGHTMARE! WE'LL HAVE TO DESTROY IT BEFORE IT WRECKS THE CITY!
POLICE
NO... WAIT...
BUT GUNS CHATTER, DROWNING LOIS' VOICE!
BULLETS JUST BOUNCE OFF HIM...THE CREATURE'S INVULNERABLE! STOP FIRING!
I'M LOIS LANE, A REPORTER FOR THE DAILY PLANET... PLEASE...I DON'T THINK HERKO MEANT ANY HARM...HE WAS ONLY TRYING TO PROTECT ME!
COME ON, HERKO... WE'RE GOING FOR A WALK! TAKE...TAKE MY HAND...
MISS LANE, IF YOU HAVE ANY INFLUENCE OVER THAT CREATURE, GET IT OUT OF THE CITY BEFORE IT RUNS AMOK!
I'LL...I'LL TRY!
MEANWHILE, DR. ELDER HAS RECOVERED...
THAT MONSTER CAME OUT OF A DIMENSIONAL WORLD I OPENED A DOOR TO! IT'S MY FAULT THAT IT'S ON THE LOOSE!
THE THING'S SUPER-STRONG, INVULNERABLE, AND A TERRIFIC MENACE! YOU'VE GOT TO GET IT BACK TO WHERE IT CAME FROM!
IN A FEW HOURS I CAN GET THIS PROJECTOR REPAIRED AND RE-OPEN THE DIMENSIONAL DOORWAY... BUT HOW WILL WE EVER GET THAT MONSTER TO GO BACK THROUGH IT?
WE'VE GOT TO, SOMEHOW... THE CREATURE COULD TURN ON THAT GIRL ANY MOMENT! SHE'S IN DEADLY DANGER!
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BUT HERKO DOES NOT SEEM DANGEROUS AS HE OBEDIENTLY STROLLS HAND-IN-HAND WITH LOIS!
I DID LEAD HERKO OUT TO THIS PARK...BUT...BUT WHO KNOWS HOW LONG I CAN CONTROL HIM? OH, DEAR...I'M SCARED...AND THOSE YOUNG SWEETHEART-COUPLES DOWN THERE WOULD BE SCARED, TOO, IF THEY SAW US!
SUDDENLY... IT'S HAPPENING...HERKO'S GOING BERSERK AND TEARING BUSHES AND TREES OUT OF THE GROUND! HE'LL TURN ON ME NEXT....
WHY...HE'S OFFERING ME A GIANT BOUQUET... HE SAW THAT YOUNG MAN DOWN THERE GIVE HIS GIRL FLOWERS, AND IS IMITATING HIM! I DO BELIEVE...HERKO'S SMITTEN WITH ME!
OH, NO! THIS IS TERRIBLE... TO HAVE THE MOST DANGEROUS MONSTER IN THE WORLD AS AN ADMIRER!
HERKO, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
HE'S HEADING TOWARD THE PARK ZOO...BUT WHAT'S HE GOING TO DO?
IN THE ZOO, USING HIS MIGHTY STRENGTH...
LEOPARD
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AFTER HERKO UNDERSTANDS AND SAFELY RE-CAGES THE LEOPARD...

AS LOIS AND HER NEW "BOY FRIEND" STROLL ALONG...

CAR 99 TO HEADQUARTERS! THE LANE GIRL AND THE MONSTER ARE HEADED THIS WAY... WE'VE CLEARED THE AREA AND WILL KEEP AHEAD OF THEM TO WARN PEOPLE AWAY!

THE GALLANT HERKO HAS BIGGER IDEAS! TEARING A STREET LAMP UP BY MAIN STRENGTH, AND BENDING IT...

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MEANWHILE, HEARING THE POLICE ALARM, JIMMY OLSEN HAS HURRIED TO THE SCENE!
THE POLICE CAN'T HANDLE THAT SUPER-STRONG, INVULNERABLE MONSTER... ONLY SUPERMAN CAN! I'LL CALL HIM WITH MY SIGNAL-WATCH...
ZEE-ZEE-ZEE
WHEN SUPERMAN, FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD, FLASHES TO METROPOLIS AT SUPER-SPEED...
IT'S ALL RIGHT, LOIS... I'LL GRAB YOU AWAY BEFORE THAT CREATURE CAN HURT YOU!
HE WON'T HURT ME... BUT LOOK OUT, SUPERMAN...
WHUFF... ITS STRENGTH IS COLOSSAL!
POW!
THEN, AS THE MAN OF STEEL CHARGES IN AGAIN...
PLEASE, SUPERMAN... GO AWAY, OR YOU AND HERKO WILL WRECK THE WHOLE CITY IN YOUR FIGHT! FIND DR. ELDER AND ASK HIM WHAT CAN BE DONE!
ALL RIGHT, LOIS... I'LL DO AS YOU SAY... BUT BE CAREFUL OF THIS MONSTER!
SUPERMAN BREAKS FREE, AND A MOMENT LATER, AT DR. ELDER'S LAB...
I'VE REPAIRED MY APPARATUS AND CAN OPEN THE DIMENSION-DOOR AGAIN! IF MISS LANE CAN LEAD THE MONSTER HERE, WE MIGHT GET IT BACK INTO ITS OWN WORLD... THOUGH I DON'T KNOW JUST HOW!
I THINK I KNOW A WAY!
...SO LEAD HIM BACK TO THE LABORATORY, IF YOU CAN!
HE'LL GO WITH ME... HE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT HURT ME BEFORE, AND HE WAS ONLY TRYING TO PROTECT ME! COME ON, HERKO... THAT'S A GOOD FELLOW...
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AND WHEN LOIS HAS LED HER MONSTER-ADMIRER BACK INTO THE LABORATORY...
LOIS, THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO GET THIS DANGEROUS CREATURE OUT OF OUR WORLD. HE'LL FOLLOW YOU ANYWHERE, SO YOU MUST GO INTO THE OTHER DIMENSIONAL WORLD WITH HIM!
AND LEAVE EARTH FOREVER?WELL, IF SUPERMAN DOESN'T CARE IF I GO, WHO WANTS TO STAY ON THIS WORLD, ANYWAY?
AS THE MAN OF STEEL UNFOLDS HIS STRATEGY...
HAVE HIM GO GET SOME OF THOSE HIGH TREE-FLOWERS FOR YOU, LOIS...WHILE HE'S DOING IT, WE'LL CLOSE THE DIMENSION-DOOR!
AND CUT ME OFF FROM EARTH FOREVER! ALL...ALL RIGHT...
BUT A MOMENT LATER...
NOW, WHILE HE'S LOOKING AWAY FROM YOU, AN INHALATION OF MY SUPER-BREATH DRAWS YOU BACK TO EARTH! CLOSE THE DOOR, DOCTOR!
GASP! SUPERMAN SAVED ME, AFTER ALL!
AS THE DOORWAY BETWEEN WORLDS IS SWIFTLY SHUT...
THAT DID IT... THE MONSTER'S BACK IN HIS OWN WORLD AND YOU'RE SAFE IN YOURS!
WHAT A RELIEF! BUT... COULD YOU CREATE A LITTLE PEEPHOLE IN THE DIMENSION BARRIER, DOCTOR? I'D LIKE TO SEE HOW HERKO TOOK THIS!
THE SCIENTIST COMPLIES WITH LOIS' REQUEST...
POOR, DEVOTED HERKO... HE DOESN'T KNOW WHERE I WENT, BUT HE'S WAITING...WAITING FOR ME TO COME BACK...
HE WAS THE DEAREST MONSTER! I FEEL HE'LL WAIT AND WAIT FOR ME...BUT MAYBE SOMEDAY I'LL HAVE THE DIMENSION-DOOR OPENED AND AT LEAST LET HIM SEE ME AGAIN...
THE END

FROM: LOIS LANE #57 (MAY, 1965).

SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND LOIS LANE

ONE OF THE MOST FANTASTIC EXPERIENCES LOIS LANE EVER HAD WAS WITH THAT NIGHTMARISH-LOOKING, BUT LIKABLE MONSTER, **HERKO**, WHO FELL IN **LOVE** WITH HER! THAT EPISODE SEEMED TO BE OVER... BUT NOW, HER OWN IMPULSIVE CURIOSITY BRINGS ABOUT...

The Return of Lois' Monster Sweetheart!

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JIMMY, HELP ME! HERKO MEANS WELL, BUT THIS DANCE IS MAKING ME BLACK AND BLUE!
SORRY... PUFF!... LOIS... MY PARTNER HAS GOT ME TOO DIZZY TO SEE STRAIGHT!
SCRIPT: EDMOND HAMILTON
ART: KURT SCHAFFENBERGER

ONE DAY, AS LOIS LANE BROODS THOUGHTFULLY IN THE DAILY PLANET OFFICE...
WHOM ARE YOU DREAMING ABOUT NOW, LOIS? SUPER-MAN, I SUPPOSE?
NO, JIMMY... I WAS THINKING ABOUT HERKO!

HERKO? THAT MONSTER FROM ANOTHER DIMENSIONAL WORLD? YOU OUGHT TO BE GLAD TO FORGET HIM!
BUT I CAN'T! I FEEL GUILTY ABOUT HIM! YOU KNOW HOW HE CAME INTO THIS WORLD...

"... WHEN THAT SCIENTIST, DR. ELDER, USED HIS INVENTION TO OPEN A DOOR INTO ANOTHER DIMENSION!"
THAT MONSTER IS COMING THROUGH THE DOORWAY MY MACHINE OPENED INTO ITS WORLD... GET BACK, MISS LANE!

"BUT HERKO, AS I FOUND OUT HE WAS NAMED, DIDN'T HARM ME... HE FELL IN LOVE WITH ME!"
DON'T TRY TO RESCUE ME, SUPERMAN... HERKO THINKS YOU'RE THREATENING ME!
GREAT KRYPTON... YOU MUST GET THAT MONSTER ADMIRER OF YOURS TO GO BACK WHERE HE CAME FROM!

"BECAUSE HERKO LOVED ME, HE TRUSTED ME... AND LET ME LEAD HIM BACK INTO HIS OWN DIMENSION! THEN..."
LOIS TOOK HIM BACK TO HIS OWN WORLD, AND NOW I'VE WHISKED HER BACK HERE BY AN INHALATION OF SUPER-BREATH... CLOSE THE DIMENSION DOOR, DR. ELDER!

BUT WHEN I LATER LOOKED IN THROUGH A DIMENSION-PEEPHOLE, HERKO WAS STANDING THERE... WAITING FOR ME! I... I WANT TO SEE WHETHER THE POOR FELLOW IS STILL WAITING!
ALL THIS SENTIMENT ABOUT A MONSTER, EVEN A LIKABLE ONE LIKE HERKO, IS RIDICULOUS! BUT I'LL GO ALONG WITH YOU TO DR. ELDER'S LAB, IF YOU MUST GO!

SOON, IN THE PHYSICIST'S LABORATORY...
DR. ELDER IS OUT, BUT I'M SURE HE WOULDN'T MIND MY USING HIS APPARATUS... YOU PUSH THIS CONTROL-LEVER UPWARD TO MAKE AN OPENING INTO THE OTHER DIMENSION!

THEN, AS LOIS PEERS THROUGH A DIMENSIONAL PEEPHOLE...
OH, JIMMY! POOR HERKO IS STILL WAITING THERE FOR ME! I'LL HAVE TO MAKE HIM UNDERSTAND HE MUST FORGET ME!
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AND, IMPULSIVE AS ALWAYS, LOIS ACTS!
LOIS, COME BACK HERE! I CAN'T LET YOU GO IN THERE...
SHE OPENED THE DIMENSIONAL DOOR AND HAS GONE THROUGH...
AS JIMMY DARTS IN AFTER THE GIRL REPORTER...
OH, NO...THAT SPOTLIGHT STAND I KNOCKED OVER IS HITTING THE DIMENSION-DOOR SWITCH...
ON
OFF
CLICK!
IT TURNED OFF THE FORCES THAT KEPT THE DOOR BETWEEN DIMENSIONS OPEN... WE'RE TRAPPED IN THIS OTHER-DIMENSION WORLD! AND I CAN'T SUMMON SUPERMAN BECAUSE MY SIGNAL-WATCH WON'T WORK BETWEEN DIMENSIONS!
AND NOBODY KNOWS WE'RE IN HERE!...ULP!...
SUDDENLY...
LOIS...COME BACK... TO HERKO! LOIS LOVE HERKO!
HEY, WHAT DO YOU KNOW?...HE PICKED UP A LITTLE OF OUR LANGUAGE WHEN HE WAS ON EARTH!
NO, HERKO...NO! THAT ISN'T WHY I CAME BACK!
BUT THE HAPPY MONSTER'S BELIEF CAN'T BE SHAKEN!
LOIS...MARRY... HERKO! FINE!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! I MEAN, YOU'RE A FINE FELLOW, HERKO, BUT I CAN'T!
LOIS...MEET... HERKO'S FAMILY!
LOIS IS REALLY IN A SPOT... BUT MAYBE IT'LL TEACH HER NOT TO BE SO IMPULSIVE... IF SHE GETS OUT OF IT!
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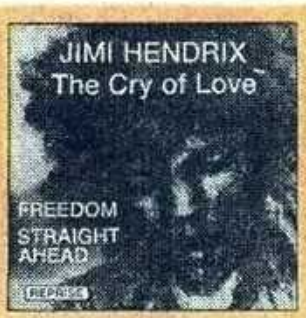

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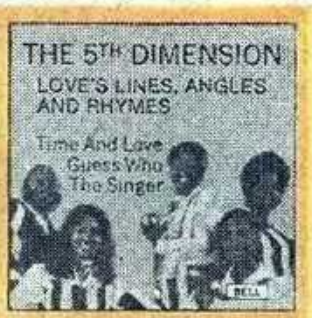

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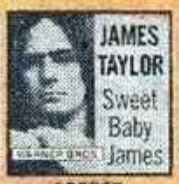

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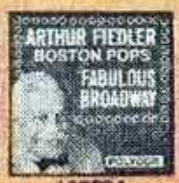

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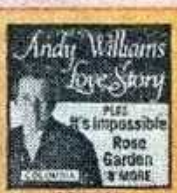

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SOON, IN A STRANGE TOWN OF THE UNEARTHLY DIMENSIONAL WORLD...
BUT I DON'T WANT TO MEET YOUR FAMILY! I... I... WANT TO GO HOME!
MUST KNOW FAMILY BEFORE WEDDING! AFTER WEDDING... WE HAVE HOME!

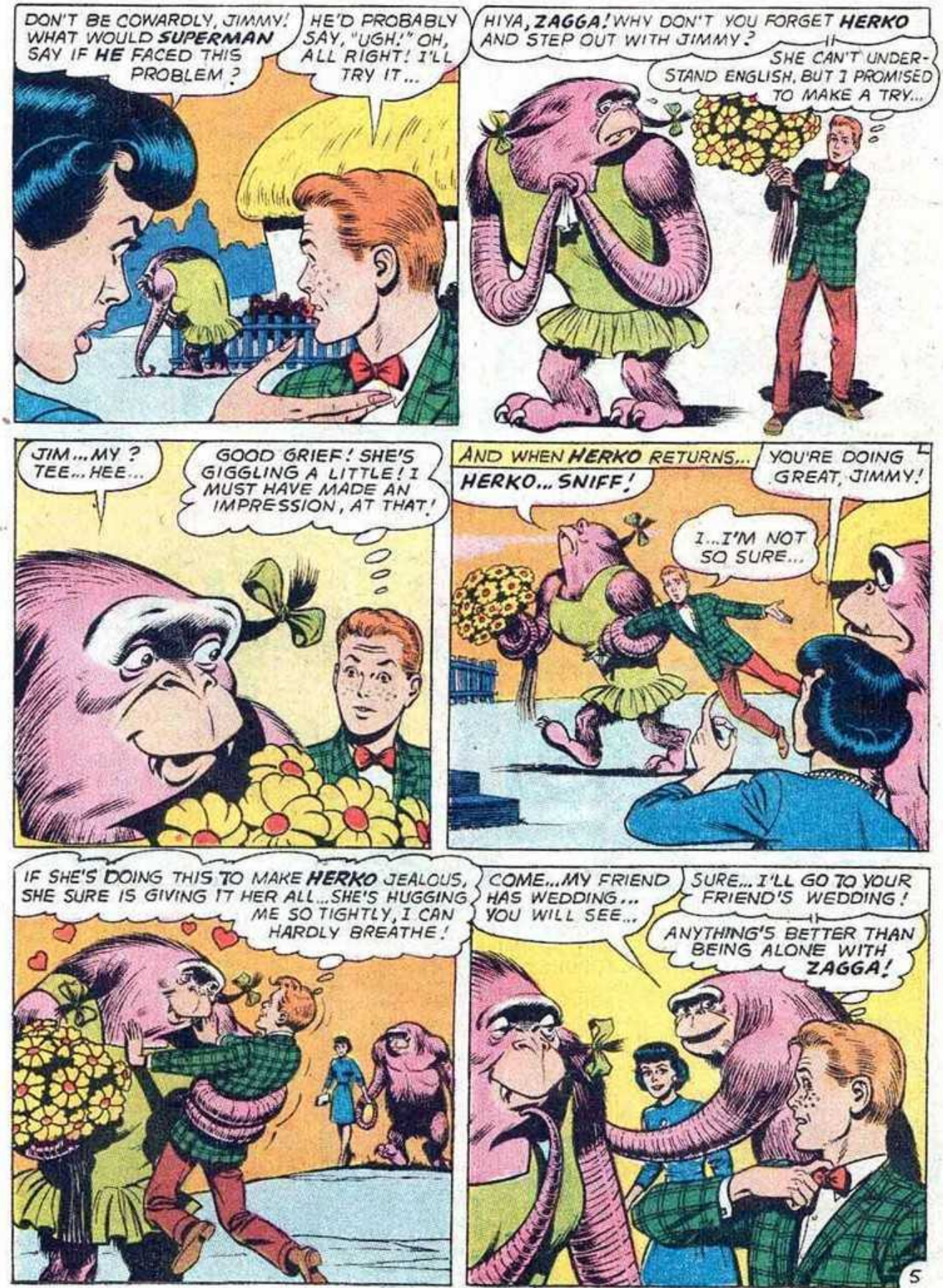
HERKO LEADS LOIS INSIDE HIS HOUSE, AND...
MY MOTHER SAY... YOU TOO SMALL AND WEAK TO MAKE A GOOD WIFE! SHE FIND OUT DIFFERENT!
TELL HER SHE'S NOT MY IDEA OF THE PERFECT MOTHER-IN-LAW, EITHER!

LOIS, YOU'LL HAVE TO GO ALONG WITH THE GAG TILL WE FIND A WAY OUT... HE IS A MONSTER, REMEMBER, AND MIGHT TEAR US TO PIECES IF HE GOT ANGRY!
THAT'S ALL VERY WELL FOR YOU TO SAY... YOU'RE NOT ENGAGED TO HIM!

A LITTLE LATER, OUTSIDE...
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HER?
SHE ZAGGA... LIVE NEXT DOOR! SHE ALWAYS WANT TO MARRY HERKO... BUT DON'T WORRY... HERKO MARRY YOU!

THEN, WHILE HERKO CARRIES HIS HAPPY NEWS TO ALL HIS MONSTER FRIENDS, LEAVING LOIS AND JIMMY BEHIND...
THAT GIRL-MONSTER, ZAGGA, WOULD MAKE A FINE WIFE FOR HERKO... AND GET HIM OFF MY NECK! YOU'LL HAVE TO HELP ME DO A LITTLE MATCHMAKING!
WHAT CAN I DO? I'M NO CUPID!

IF HERKO SEES YOU COURTING ZAGGA, HE'LL GET JEALOUS AND REALIZE HE WANTS HER FOR HIMSELF!
WHAT? OLSEN, THE GUY A HUNDRED BEAUTIFUL DOLLS ARE SWEET ON, COURTING A MONSTER? NO!


DON'T BE COWARDLY, JIMMY! WHAT WOULD SUPERMAN SAY IF HE FACED THIS PROBLEM?
HE'D PROBABLY SAY, "UGH!" OH, ALL RIGHT! I'LL TRY IT...
HIYA, ZAGGA! WHY DON'T YOU FORGET HERKO AND STEP OUT WITH JIMMY?
SHE CAN'T UNDERSTAND ENGLISH, BUT I PROMISED TO MAKE A TRY...
JIM...MY? TEE...HEE...
GOOD GRIEF! SHE'S GIGGLING A LITTLE! I MUST HAVE MADE AN IMPRESSION, AT THAT!
AND WHEN HERKO RETURNS...
HERKO...SNIFF!
I...I'M NOT SO SURE...
YOU'RE DOING GREAT, JIMMY!
IF SHE'S DOING THIS TO MAKE HERKO JEALOUS, SHE SURE IS GIVING IT HER ALL...SHE'S HUGGING ME SO TIGHTLY, I CAN HARDLY BREATHE!
COME...MY FRIEND HAS WEDDING... YOU WILL SEE...
SURE...I'LL GO TO YOUR FRIEND'S WEDDING!
ANYTHING'S BETTER THAN BEING ALONE WITH ZAGGA!
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BUT THIS WEDDING HAS A STARTLING PRELUDE!
THEY HAVE HEALTH EXAMINATIONS... BEFORE WEDDING! SEE...THEY PASS TEST!
YIPE! THESE MONSTERS CALL A CLUB ON THE HEAD A HEALTH TEST! OF COURSE, THEY'RE INVULNERABLE...; GULP!;... BUT LOIS ISN'T!
AFTER THE WEDDING, A FESTIVE PARTY TAKES PLACE!
JIMMY, YOU MUST KEEP TRYING TO MAKE HERKO JEALOUS! PLEASE!
I DON'T KNOW IF MAKING THAT MONSTER JEALOUS IS SUCH A GOOD IDEA... HE COULD CRUSH ME WITH ONE BLOW! BUT I DID PROMISE LOIS...
AND THE RED-HEADED REPORTER TURNS ON THE FULL OLSEN PERSONALITY...
THAT'S THE GIRL, ZAGGA... YOU'RE GETTING THE BEAT!
HERKO IS WATCHING INTENTLY... MY MATCH-MAKING MUST BE WORKING!
AND SOON...
COME, LOIS... ME TELL YOU SOMETHING...
I KNEW IT! HE'S REALIZED HE CARES FOR ZAGGA, AND IS GOING TO BREAK OFF OUR "ENGAGEMENT"!
BUT, MINUTES LATER...
ME TELL YOU... AFTER WEDDING, HERKO TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOU, ALWAYS!
OH, NO! IT DIDN'T WORK...; SOB!...

I'LL NEVER SEE MY OWN WORLD AGAIN... ;SOB;...
NOT CRY, LOIS! SMILE... PLEASE...
POOR HERKO... IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT! I CAN'T HELP FEELING SORRY FOR YOU... I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE HOPELESSLY IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE... AS I AM WITH SUPERMAN...
BUT HERKO DOESN'T FULLY UNDERSTAND LOIS' WORDS...
LOIS SMILE... GOOD!
COME ON, HERKO... WE'LL GO BACK TO THE OTHERS...
LATER... OUR PLAN TO SHIFT HERKO'S AFFECTIONS TO ZAGGA FAILED... WHICH MEANS I'VE GOT A WEDDING COMING UP!
BUT, LOIS, THAT "HEALTH-TEST" OF A CLUB ON THE HEAD'LL KNOCK YOU COLD! HEY! IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE PREPARING FOR THE WEDDING NOW!
BUT WHY TWO WEDDING-PLATFORMS, HERKO?
FOR DOUBLE WEDDING... LOIS AND ME... ZAGGA AND YOU!
YIPE! I'M REALLY IN A JAM NOW! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN MY CHARM WOULD BOWL ZAGGA OVER!
POOR JIMMY... MAYBE YOU CAN GET AWAY, EVEN IF I CAN'T!
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BUT MOMENTS LATER, AS LOIS APPLIES FRESH LIPSTICK...
ME... FEEL BAD... SOMETHING MAKE ME SICK...
WHY, IT MUST BE MY LIPSTICK, WHICH WAS NEAR HIS FACE! HE MUST BE ALLERGIC TO EARTH COSMETICS... HMM... THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA.

SO, WHEN LOIS PREPARES FOR THE "WEDDING"...
LUCKILY I HAD A LOT OF COSMETICS IN MY HANDBAG! I'LL PUT THEM ALL ON!

AND WHEN HERKO GREETS HIS BRIDE-TO-BE...
OH... ME VERY SICK AGAIN... WHEN YOU COME NEAR, LOIS, IT MAKE HERKO FEEL BAD...
AND ZAGGA, WHO STILL LOVES HERKO AND WAS ONLY TRYING TO MAKE HIM JEALOUS, IS HELPING HIM... IT'S WORKING!

HERKO LOVED YOU, LOIS... BUT YOU MAKE HERKO SICK, SO HE CAN'T MARRY YOU! PLEASE GO AWAY... ZAGGA SAY SHE TAKE CARE OF ME! SHE NOT WANT TO MARRY JIMMY!
COME ON, LOIS! THIS IS OUR CHANCE! WE'LL GO BACK TO WHERE THE DIMENSION DOOR WAS, AND HOPE DR. ELDER OPENS IT AGAIN!

AND SOON...
OLSEN... MISS LANE... I DIDN'T KNOW YOU TWO WERE IN THERE! I WAS TESTING THE DIMENSION APPARATUS TO SEE IF IT HAD BEEN HARMED BY A SPOTLIGHT THAT FELL ON IT...
CLOSE THAT DIMENSION-DOOR... QUICK! I'LL EXPLAIN LATER!

AND SOON, WHEN LOIS AND JIMMY LOOK THROUGH A DIMENSIONAL PEEPHOLE...
HERKO WILL BE HAPPY WITH ZAGGA AND WILL FORGET ME... I'M SO GLAD! HE WAS THE NICEST MONSTER!
I'M GLAD ZAGGA PREFERRED HIM! STILL, IT'S RATHER HUMILIATING TO BE JILTED BY A MONSTER!
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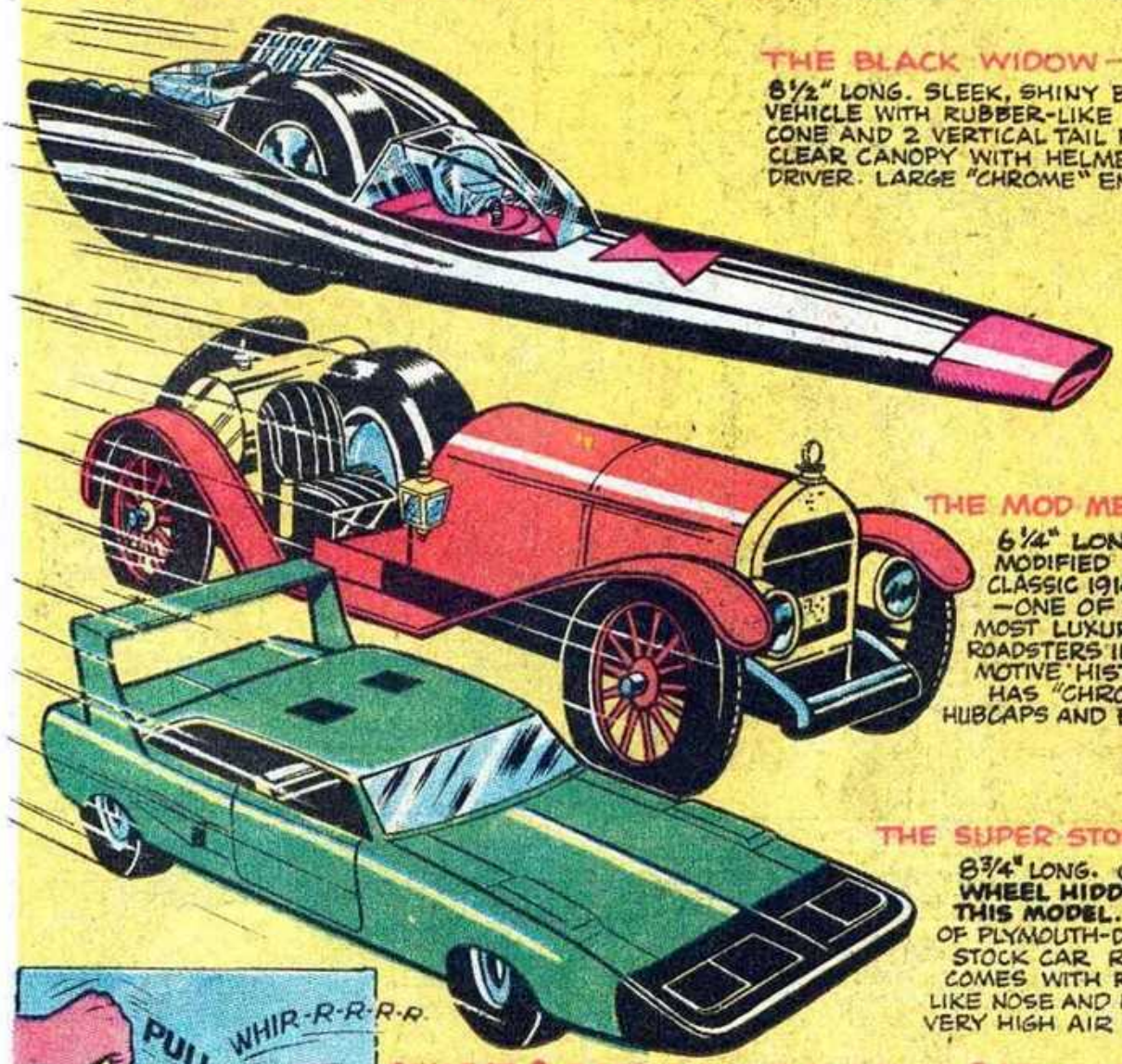

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"The GIRL WHO MOURNED for SUPERMAN!

REST IN PEACE MY BELOVED

SOB! OH, **SUPERMAN,** MY DEAREST! YOUR DYING WISH WAS THAT I FORGET YOU AND MARRY SOMEONE ELSE! CHOKE! BUT I CAN'T ERASE YOUR MEMORY! THOUGH YOU ARE DEAD, YOU ARE ENSHRINED IN MY HEART FOREVER!

FROM: **LOIS LANE #43 (AUG., 1963).**

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ONE STORMY DAY, AS REPORTER LOIS LANE HURRIES TO THE **PLANET** OFFICE, SHE MEETS THE JIMMY OLSEN FAN CLUB...

HI, MISS LANE! JIMMY PROMISED TO DEMONSTRATE HOW BENJAMIN FRANKLIN USED A KITE TO GET ELECTRICITY FROM LIGHTNING! BUT HE HASN'T SHOWN UP YET!

HMM! PERHAPS I CAN HELP! I STILL REMEMBER MY ELEC—TRICITY FROM THE PHYSICS COURSE I TOOK IN COLLEGE!

ON A NEARBY VACANT LOT, LOIS PERFORMS A FOOLHARDY EXPERIMENT...

ER...LOIS...MAYBE THIS IS A LITTLE RISKY!

NONSENSE! WHEN THAT LIGHTNING STRIKES THE KITE, THE ELECTRICITY WILL TRAVEL DOWN THE WET STRING AND EMERGE FROM THAT METAL KEY!

BUT AS LIGHTNING STRIKES THE KITE, A COLORFUL FIGURE FLASHES IN OUT OF NOWHERE...
ZZAAPPP!
IT'S SUPERMAN! HE GRABBED THE KITE STRING AND ABSORBED THE ELECTRIC CHARGE FROM THAT THUNDERBOLT!

OF ALL THE HAIRBRAINED STUNTS! IF I HADN'T GROUNDED THAT LIGHTNING CHARGE, YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN ELECTROCUTED! LUCKILY, I WAS WATCHING YOU WITH MY TELESCOPIC VISION!
DON'T BLAME HER, SUPERMAN! SHE WAS ONLY TRYING TO HELP US DUPLICATE BEN FRANKLIN'S FAMOUS EXPERIMENT!

THAT CRUDE EXPERIMENT COULD HAVE COST YOU YOUR LIFE, LOIS! FOR PETE'S SAKE, TRY TO STAY OUT OF TROUBLE!
I PROMISE NOT TO BE SO CARELESS, SUPERMAN!
SIGH!! IN SPITE OF HIS SCOLDING, I'M SURE HE LOVES ME, OR HE WOULDN'T COME TO MY ASSISTANCE WHENEVER I'M IN TROUBLE!

LATER, AT THE OFFICE OF THE DAILY PLANET, LOIS IS GREETED BY THE EDITOR, PERRY WHITE...
LOIS, AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE ON YOUR VACATION? I THOUGHT THAT BY NOW YOU'D BE UP IN THAT NEW BUNGALOW YOU BOUGHT AT PINE LAKE!
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL MIXED UP, PERRY! I'M GOING UP THERE NEXT WEEK!... WELL, WHAT'S COOKING? I'M READY FOR AN ASSIGNMENT!

THE QUEEN OF MORVANIA IS ARRIVING AT METROPOLIS AIRPORT THIS MORNING! IF YOU TAKE THE HELICOPTER, YOU CAN GET THERE IN TIME FOR AN INTERVIEW, LOIS!
I'M ON MY WAY! NOW THAT THE STORM IS OVER, I SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE GETTING TO THE AIRPORT IN THAT WHIRLYBIRD!

BUT AS LOIS ENTERS THE HELICOPTER...
GOOD GRIEF! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? THE HELICOPTER IS BEING LIFTED UP BY SOME POWERFUL MAGNETIC FORCE! IT'S HEADING STRAIGHT FOR THE OPENING OF THAT GIANT GLASS BOWL!

TRAPPED IN THE GIANT GLASS BOWL, LOIS IS CARRIED SEAWARD BY A MYSTERIOUS FORCE...
GULP! WHAT GOES ON HERE? I'M BEING CARRIED TOWARD THAT DISTANT ISLAND!
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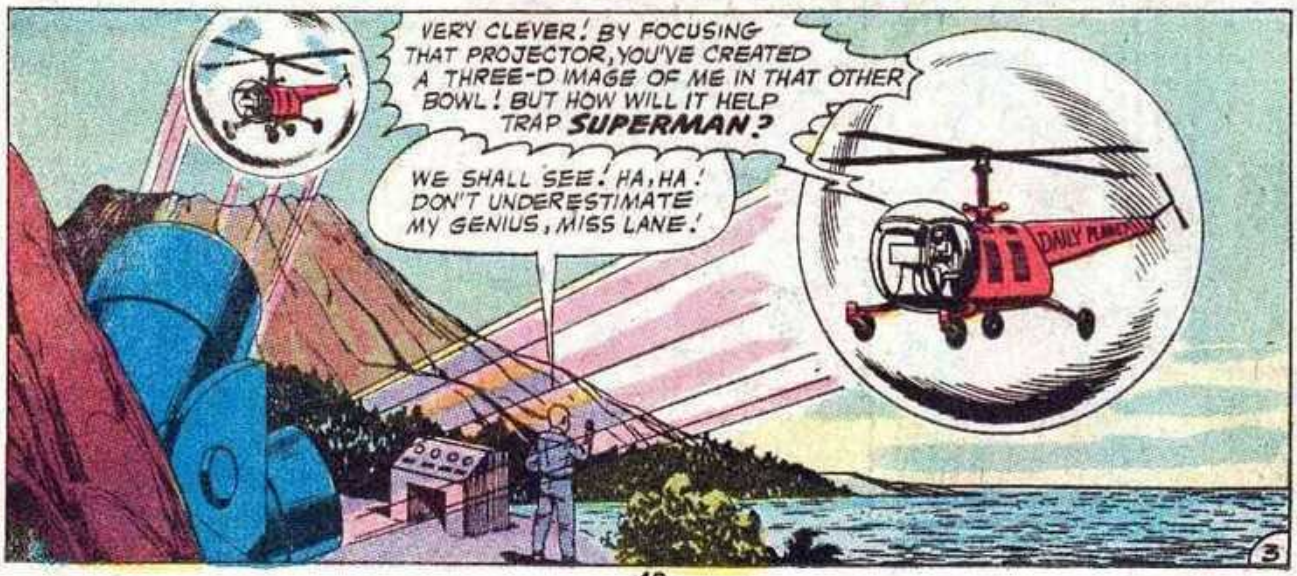
PRESENTLY, AS LOIS DESCENDS...
WELCOME, MISS LANE! THIS IS LEX LUTHOR! I'VE TAKEN OVER ELECTRONIC CONTROL OF YOUR HELICOPTER RADIO! YOU CAN COMMUNICATE ONLY WITH ME!
GULP! IT'S LUTHOR, THE WORLD'S GREATEST CRIMINAL GENIUS, AND SUPERMAN'S SWORN ENEMY!
BUT, LUTHOR, I THOUGHT YOU WERE IN PRISON!

I BUILT A ROBOT TO TAKE MY PLACE AND ESCAPED HERE TO VENGEANCE ISLAND! HERE I BUILT THIS REMOTE CONTROLLED BOWL WHICH CAPTURED YOU!
LUTHOR, YOU'RE A FOOL! WHEN SUPERMAN DISCOVERS I'M YOUR PRISONER, HE'LL COME HERE AND FREE ME!

THAT'S JUST WHAT I'M COUNTING ON! YOU'RE THE BAIT IN MY TRAP, MISS LANE! PERMIT ME TO SHOW YOU MY LATEST INVENTION... THIS THREE-DIMENSIONAL PROJECTOR, WHICH WILL HELP ME DESTROY SUPERMAN!
GULP! LUTHOR LOOKS SO SELF-CONFIDENT, I WONDER WHAT FIENDISH SCHEME HE'S THOUGHT UP THIS TIME?


VERY CLEVER! BY FOCUSING THAT PROJECTOR, YOU'VE CREATED A THREE-D IMAGE OF ME IN THAT OTHER BOWL! BUT HOW WILL IT HELP TRAP SUPERMAN?
WE SHALL SEE! HA, HA! DON'T UNDERESTIMATE MY GENIUS, MISS LANE!
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PRESENTLY, AS LUTHOR'S CHALLENGE ECHOES OVER THE WORLD'S AIRWAYS...
ATTENTION, SUPERMAN, WHEREVER YOU ARE! THIS IS LUTHOR! I'VE CAPTURED LOIS LANE! RESCUE HER IF YOU DARE!
THAT BROADCAST! IT'S COMING FROM THAT PASSING PLANE! ULP! THAT MEANS LEX LUTHOR HAS ESCAPED AND IS THREATENING LOIS TO GET BACK AT ME! I MUST SAVE HER!

GUIDED BY HIS TELESCOPIC VISION, SUPERMAN LOCATES THE ISLAND, AND...
THERE'S LOIS NOW! SHE'S TRAPPED IN SOME KIND OF GLASS BOWL IN THE MIDDLE OF THAT CRATER!

BUT LUTHOR'S EVIL EYES ARE WATCHING...
CHUCKLE! THE FOOL DOESN'T REALIZE HE'S SEEING AN IMAGE, NOT THE REAL LOIS! HE'S WALKING RIGHT INTO MY TRAP! THAT CRATER IS MINED WITH A DOZEN BOMBS LOADED WITH LIQUIFIED KRYPTONITE!

AS THE FIENDISH LUTHOR TRIGGERS THE BLAST...
DIE, SUPERMAN! DIE!
BARROOOM

BUT THE POWERFUL BLAST HAS TORN LOOSE SEVERAL BOULDERS, AND...
BOULDERS...GOT ME! BUT I DON'T CARE! WORTH IT... IF I KILLED SUPERMAN!

MEANWHILE, THE FLYING DEBRIS HAS SHATTERED LOIS' GLASS PRISON, AND...
SUPERMAN! HE FLEW STRAIGHT INTO LUTHOR'S TRAP! OH, NO! NO!
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ANGUISHED MOMENTS LATER...
SUPERMAN! THAT BOMB INJURED HIM! I MUST GET HELP!
LOIS!... THANK HEAVENS YOU'RE SAFE! I'M BEYOND HELP! LUTHOR HAS FINISHED ME!

SUPERMAN! YOU CAN'T DIE! THE WORLD NEEDS YOU! IF CRIMINALS AND EVIL-DOERS FIND OUT... ;CHOKE!;
NO ONE MUST KNOW OF MY DEATH, LOIS! THE PEOPLE OF KANDOR HAVE BEEN OBSERVING ME!... EVEN NOW THEY ARE CHOOSING THE ONE WHO WILL REPLACE ME! TILL THEN, YOUR LIPS MUST BE SEALED! MEANWHILE, A ROBOT WILL PINCH-HIT FOR ME!

LOIS, DARLING!... I'M GOING FAST... MUST SAY IT NOW! I'VE ALWAYS LOVED YOU... BUT YOU MUST FORGET ME... PROMISE ME YOU'LL MARRY SOMEONE ELSE! IT'S MY DYING WISH!
;SOB!;... I PROMISE, MY DARLING! AND NOW, A LAST KISS... ;CHOKE!;... BEFORE WE PART!

;SOB!;... OH, MY DEAREST! I HAD SUCH HOPES! SUCH DREAMS! AND NOW THEY'RE OVER FOREVER!

SOON, AS THE SUPERMAN EMERGENCY SQUAD OF KANDOR BEARS AWAY THE DEPARTED HERO...
FAREWELL, LOIS! WE'LL BUILD HIM A MONUMENT IN SPACE! HIS FAME WILL LIVE FOREVER!
FAREWELL, SUPERMAN! ;SOB!;... IT'S OUR LAST GOODBYE, MY DARLING!
HERE LIES LEX LUTHOR, EVIL-DOER, SLAYER OF SUPERMAN

HEARTBROKEN, LOIS FLIES BACK TO METROPOLIS...
I KNOW, LOIS! BECAUSE OF THE STORM, THE QUEEN OF MORVANIA LANDED AT ANOTHER AIRPORT! A BAD BREAK! IT COULD HAVE BEEN A BIG STORY!
I'M SORRY, PERRY!
WHAT IRONY! I HAVE THE BIGGEST SCOOP OF ALL TIME... BUT I GAVE MY WORD NOT TO TELL ANYONE ABOUT IT!

LATER, IN THE PLANET OFFICE, AS JIMMY OLSEN USES HIS SUPERSONIC WATCH TO SIGNAL SUPERMAN...
SUPERMAN! IT'S VITAL THAT YOU DELIVER THIS ANTI-RABIES SERUM TO THE MEDICAL CENTER AT ONCE!
GULP! FOR A MINUTE MY HEART STOPPED! I THOUGHT IT WAS THE REAL SUPERMAN! JIMMY DOESN'T KNOW IT, BUT THAT'S A ROBOT HE'S TALKING TO!
ZEEEE-ZEEEE!

BUT JIMMY NOTICES SOMETHING WRONG IN LOIS' ATTITUDE...
LOIS, YOU'RE ALWAYS SO THRILLED TO SEE SUPERMAN! YET NOW YOU'RE PRACTICALLY IGNORING HIM! AREN'T YOU GOING TO SAY HELLO?
ER...HELLO, SUPERMAN! I'M A LITTLE BUSY RIGHT NOW!
I'LL HAVE TO FORCE A SMILE! I CAN'T LET JIMMY SUSPECT THE BITTER TRUTH!

BUT THERE'S MORE TORMENT IN STORE FOR LOIS...
LOIS, THIS WAS CLARK'S ASSIGNMENT, BUT HE DIDN'T SHOW UP TODAY! THE VARDOR GALAXY WANTS SOME INFORMATION ABOUT SUPERMAN FOR THEIR HISTORY BOOKS! WILL YOU CHECK THE FILES TO FIND OUT WHAT HIS GREATEST DEEDS WERE?
I'LL GET RIGHT ON IT, PERRY!
I DON'T NEED THOSE FILES... SUPERMAN'S HEROIC DEEDS ARE ALL ENGRAVED IN MY HEART FOREVER!
FILE ROOM

I STILL REMEMBER HOW HE USED HIS HEAT VISION TO DEFEND ME WHEN THE ICE-PEOPLE EMERGED FROM THAT ARCTIC GLACIER!

"THEN, THERE WAS THE TIME WHEN HE STOPPED THE WAR OF THE BRAIN WORLDS BY ABSORBING THEIR SUPER-ENERGY BOLTS AND DISARMING THEM!"
OH, MY DARLING! YOU'LL NEVER DO ANY MORE OF YOUR MAGNIFICENT SUPER-DEEDS!... DON'T WORRY, I'LL WIPE MY TEARS AWAY! NO ONE WILL DISCOVER THE TRUTH FROM ME!
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BUT THAT NIGHT, LOIS MOURNS IN THE SOLITUDE OF HER ROOM...
FORGIVE ME, SUPERMAN! I KNOW I PROMISED TO FORGET YOU... PROMISED TO FIND ANOTHER LOVE! I'M TRYING SO HARD! SOB!... SO HARD!
REST IN PEACE
MY BELOVED

ATTEMPTING TO KEEP HER PROMISE, LOIS DATES A NEW SUITOR, AND...
SO YOU'RE TWO-TIMING SUPERMAN BY DATING THAT HANDSOME U.N. DELEGATE, EH? I DON'T BLAME YOU, LOIS, AFTER THE WAY SUPERMAN'S BEEN NEGLECTING YOU LATELY!
A GIRL'S GOT TO HAVE SOME FUN, LUCY!
CHOKE!... HER WORDS ARE A KNIFE IN MY HEART! BUT MY SISTER, LUCY, DOESN'T REALIZE THAT SUPERMAN IS DEAD!

LATER, ATTENDING A PARTY AT THE UNITED NATIONS, LOIS IS THE BELLE OF THE EVENING...
MY LOVELY ONE! YOU HAVE BUT TO SAY THE WORD, AND MY DUKEDOM IS AT YOUR FEET!
MARRY ME, BEAUTIFUL LOIS, AND YOU BECOME THE RANEE OF MAHADORE!

BUT SUDDENLY, LOIS FINDS HERSELF ALONE...
NOBODY'S ASKING ME TO DANCE! THEY'RE ALL WHISPERING... AND STARING AT ME! THE RAJAH HAD THE NEXT NUMBER WITH ME! I'LL ASK HIM WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!

AS THE RAJAH EXPLAINS...
IT IS EASY TO UNDERSTAND WHY NO ONE ASKS YOU TO DANCE, MY DEAR! THEY HAVE HEARD THE RUMOR THAT YOU ARE SUPERMAN'S SWEETHEART! NOBODY CAN FIGHT THAT KIND OF COMPETITION!
THANK YOU, RAJAH! AND NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...
CHOKE! EVEN IF I WANT TO FORGET SUPERMAN, THEY WON'T LET ME!

BUT A FEW MOMENTS LATER, A STRANGER ENTERS THE HALL, AND...
PERMIT ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF! I AM THE AMBASSADOR FROM ATLANTIS! MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE?
I... I'D BE DELIGHTED!
I'VE GOT TO GET HOLD OF MYSELF! HE SAID HE WAS FROM ATLANTIS! BUT OF COURSE, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

PUZZLED, LOIS QUESTIONS HER PARTNER, AND...
THE AMBASSADOR FROM ATLANTIS? YOU'RE JOKING, OF COURSE!
COME NOW, MY DEAR, EVERY CHILD KNOWS ABOUT ATLANTIS! WHY, COLUMBUS STOPPED THERE ON HIS WAY TO DISCOVER THE NEW WORLD!
ATLANTIS SANK BENEATH THE SEA AGES AGO! ITS PEOPLE ARE MER-MEN AND MERMAIDS!

PRESENTLY, IN THE LOBBY OF THE HALL...
ATLANTIS ON THE MAP? IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! I'VE GOT TO CHECK ON THIS!
THERE YOU ARE, MY DEAR! I'M AFRAID YOU KNOW LITTLE OF GEOGRAPHY!
EXCUSE ME, MR. AMBASSADOR, BUT I MUST LEAVE NOW!

IN THE NEARBY U.N. LIBRARY, LOIS DISCOVERS...
HERE IT IS IN THIS ENCYCLOPEDIA! ATLANTIS... AN ISLAND CONTINENT... ANCIENT CULTURE... SURVIVED A DISASTROUS FLOOD... POPULATION... 30,000,000! IS THIS SOME KIND OF JOKE? NO, WAIT, I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING!

"YES, THERE WAS THAT STRANGE REMARK PERRY MADE TO ME A FEW DAYS AGO..."
LOIS, AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE ON YOUR VACATION? I THOUGHT THAT BY NOW YOU'D BE UP IN THAT NEW BUNGALOW YOU BOUGHT UP AT PINE LAKE!
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL MIXED UP, PERRY! I'M GOING THERE NEXT WEEK!

PERRY WOULD NEVER HAVE MADE A MISTAKE LIKE THAT UNLESS... YES! IT ALL FITS IN WITH THIS STRANGE WORLD HISTORY I SEE HERE! SOMEHOW I MUST'VE SLIPPED THROUGH AN UNSEEN BARRIER INTO A PARALLEL UNIVERSE! THIS PLANET IS AN EXACT TWIN OF THE ONE I REALLY LIVE IN... AND THE SUPERMAN AND LUTHOR WHO DIED ARE TWINS OF THE ONES I KNOW ON MY EARTH! GREAT GRIEF- I JUST REALIZED THERE MUST BE ANOTHER LOIS ON THIS PARALLEL WORLD! A DUPLICATE OF MYSELF! ;CHOKE!; I MUST SEE HER AND TELL HER WHAT HAPPENED!

THE NEXT MORNING, AS A CAR ARRIVES AT A MOUNTAIN RESORT...
THERE IT IS! ;GULP!; THAT LITTLE BUNGALOW IS THE EXACT DUPLICATE OF THE ONE I BOUGHT IN MY OWN WORLD! IF MY GUESS IS RIGHT, MY TWIN LOIS IS AROUND HERE, TOO!

THE DOOR'S OPEN! NO ONE'S INSIDE! I GUESS THE OTHER LOIS MUST HAVE GONE SWIMMING BEFORE THE RAIN STARTED! I'LL JUST SLIP IN AND LOOK AROUND!

GASP! IT'S FURNISHED EXACTLY LIKE MY OWN BUNGALOW! SOUVENIRS... PICTURES OF SUPERMAN... EVEN THE ELECTRIC TYPEWRITER IS JUST LIKE MINE! AND THIS OTHER LOIS IS WRITING SUPERMAN'S LIFE STORY, JUST AS I PLAN TO DO!

BUT SUDDENLY, LOIS HEARS FOOTSTEPS OUTSIDE, AND...
IT'S MY TWIN, THE LOIS LANE WHO LIVES ON THIS PARALLEL WORLD! I'D BETTER DUCK BEHIND THIS DRAPE OR SHE'LL SEE ME!

CHOKING WITH EMOTION, LOIS WATCHES HER TWIN TURN ON THE NEWS BROADCAST...
...AND SO THE DISASTER WAS AVERTED WHEN SUPERMAN SAVED THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS BY FREEZING THE HUGE TIDAL WAVE WITH HIS SUPER-BREATH!
MY HERO! HE'S WONDERFUL!
POOR KID! SHE'S LIVING IN A FOOL'S PARADISE! SHE DOESN'T KNOW THAT THE REAL SUPERMAN'S DEAD AND THAT THE SUPER-DEED WAS DONE BY A ROBOT!

PRESENTLY, AS THE TWIN LOIS LEAVES THE ROOM...
MAYBE I OUGHT TO TELL HER THE TRUTH! GULP! BUT I HAVEN'T THE HEART! I'LL JUST SLIP OUT WHILE SHE'S DRESSING IN THE BEDROOM!

BUT AS LOIS PASSES THE TYPEWRITER...
THAT GLASS OF WATER! IT SPLASHED ON THE ELECTRIC TYPEWRITER! IT'S GOING TO SHORT-CIRCUIT...
ZZZAAPP!

IN THE NEXT MAD MOMENT...
SOMETHING'S HAPPENING! I'M BEING WHIRLED BACK THROUGH TIME AND SPACE!
AN INSTANT LATER, LOIS FINDS HERSELF IN HER OWN WORLD...
EVERYTHING'S ALL RIGHT, LOIS! YOU COULD HAVE BEEN KILLED BY LIGHTNING, BUT I SAVED YOU FROM THE RESULTS OF THAT FOOLISH EXPERIMENT BY GROUNDING THE WET KITE STRING!
IT WAS A RISKY THING TO DO, LOIS! WE SHOULDN'T HAVE ALLOWED IT!
LOIS IS MOMENTARILY CONFUSED, BUT...
CHOKE!! WAS IT ALL A DREAM? A NIGHTMARE I HAD WHILE I WAS UNCONSCIOUS? NO! I STILL HAVE THAT TYPEWRITTEN SHEET I PICKED UP IN THAT PARALLEL WORLD! THE LIGHTNING BOLT MUST HAVE CREATED A WARP IN TIME AND SPACE PERMITTING ME TO SLIP THROUGH! AND A SHORT CIRCUIT IN THAT ELECTRIC TYPEWRITER HURLED ME BACK AGAIN!
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AS SUPERMAN DEPARTS...
GOODBYE, LOIS! AND FOR PETE'S SAKE, TRY TO AVOID ANY MORE OF THOSE HARE-BRAINED STUNTS OF YOURS!
GOODBYE, SUPERMAN!
SCOLD ME! SAY ANYTHING YOU LIKE, MY DEAREST! BUT AT LEAST YOU'RE ALIVE IN THIS DIMENSION! I'M SO MUCH LUCKIER THAN THAT OTHER LOIS IN THE TWIN WORLD I JUST LEFT!
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SUPERMAN'S Romance WITH LANA LANE!

FROM: LOIS LANE #41 (MAY, 1963).

ART: CURT SWAN

WONDERFUL!...MY SUPER-VISION REVEALED, WHILE I WAS AWAY FROM THIS **HONEYMOON PALACE**, THAT LANA LANE DIDN'T OPEN THIS UNSEALED ENVELOPE WHICH HAS A SHEET INSIDE WITH MY SECRET IDENTITY WRITTEN ON IT! THOUGH THIS GIRL I ADORE LOOKS LIKE LOIS LANE AND LANA LANG COMBINED, SHE HASN'T THEIR OVERWHELMING CURIOSITY!

SUPERMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY

ONE DAY, IN **SUPERMAN**'S FORTRESS, AS LOIS LANE AND LANA LANG BROWSE THROUGH HIS ARCTIC SANCTUM...

HOW SWELL OF **SUPERMAN** TO BRING US HERE SO WE COULD SEE THESE SLIDES OF "HISTORIC MOMENTS" IN HIS CAREER, WHILE HE'S BUSY ELSEWHERE! HE HAD A SPECIAL CAMERA PHOTOGRAPH THESE SCENES OFF HIS MONITOR SCREEN!

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AS ANOTHER SLIDE IS PROJECTED...
Jimmy Olsen receives signal-watch for the first time
THAT WATCH HAS BROUGHT SUPERMAN TO JIMMY'S RESCUE ON DOZENS OF OCCASIONS!
UNEXPECTEDLY...
Lana Lang, my lost sweetheart, May 15, 1959
GASP! LOOK, LANA! THAT GIRL SUPERMAN IS PROPOSING TO LOOKS LIKE YOU AND ME ROLLED INTO ONE!
NO WONDER HE LIKES BOTH OF US THE SAME! WE REMIND HIM OF HER!
SECONDS LATER, AS SUPERMAN REJOINS LOIS AND LANA...
I KNOW WE'VE NO RIGHT TO PRY, BUT WE'RE CURIOUS... WHO IS THE GIRL YOU ONCE LOVED-- WHOSE NAME IS A COMBINATION OF OURS?
YOU DON'T REMEMBER? STRANGE, YOU SHOULD! THESE MENTO-HELMETS WILL REFRESH YOUR MEMORIES, AS SOON AS I FEED THEM THE PROPER MIND TAPES!
PRESENTLY... THAT'S RIGHT! CLOSE YOUR EYES AND... RELAX! THE TAPES I FED INTO THE HELMETS WILL ENABLE YOU TO SEE, HEAR AND FEEL AN ADVENTURE YOU BOTH SHARED WHICH BEGAN IN MAY OF 1959!
THANKS TO THE HELMETS, LOIS AND LANA RE-LIVE MENTALLY THE AMAZING STORY WHICH NOW UNFOLDS...
GIRLS, THIS VALLEY IS INHABITED BY COLONISTS FROM THE PLANET ZERMB WHO SETTLED ON EARTH WHEN THEIR WORLD WAS MENACED BY AN ICE AGE! NOW THAT THEY'RE ABOUT TO RETURN TO ZERMB, IT'S ALL RIGHT FOR YOU TO WRITE ABOUT THEM... SEE YOU LATER!
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PRESENTLY... HELLO! I AM ZELDA, HISTORIAN FOR THIS EXPEDITION! ANY FRIEND OF SUPERMAN IS A FRIEND OF OURS! PUT ON THESE COSTUMES SO YOU WON'T FEEL OUT OF PLACE! GO ANYWHERE YOU LIKE!
THANKS LOADS!

SOON...
THIS EXHIBIT NEXT TO THE ZOO IS FULL OF WONDERS FROM THE PLANET ZERMB!
I'M HAJAL, THE CURATOR! TAKE CARE NOT TO TOUCH THESE CHARMS WHICH ONCE BELONGED TO AN EVIL SORCERESS, MALIGNIA, WHO WAS BANISHED FROM OUR WORLD!
MALIGNIA
BUT WHEN THE GIRLS ARE ALONE...
WHAT SUPERSTITIOUS NONSENSE! TAKE A PICTURE OF ME HOLDING THIS NECKLACE, LOIS! I'LL RETURN THE FAVOR!
OKAY, SMILE PRETTY!
CLICK!
;GASP!;... LOOK! TH-THAT LAMB AND EAGLE JUST MERGED TOGETHER INTO A FLYING LAMB!!
IT'S INCREDIBLE! THEY MUST BE STRANGE CREATURES FROM ZERMB!
THEN, AS LANA BORROWS THE CAMERA...
GOT IT?
CAW... CAW! HELLO!... HOW ARE YOU?... HELLO! CAW!
GOT IT!
CLICK!
THE NEXT MOMENT...
CAW... HELLO! HELLO!... CAW!
GOODNESS! WHAT A STRANGE PLACE THIS IS! A DOG AND PARROT JUST... BLENDED! WHAT CAUSED IT, I WONDER?
DON THE NECKLACE, LOIS! I'D LIKE ANOTHER SHOT!
BUT AS LOIS OBEYS LANA'S INSTRUCTIONS...
;GULP!;... WH-WHAT'S H-HAPPENING...??
...T-TO US??
YOU FOOLS! I WARNED YOU NOT TO TOUCH ANYTHING! BEAMS OF LIGHT, SHINING THROUGH A PRISM OF THE MAGICAL NECKLACE'S BIG GEM, FOCUSED ON THOSE TWO SETS OF ANIMALS! IT CAUSED THEM TO MERGE! AND NOW THE SAME PHENOMENON IS MERGING BOTH OF YOU INTO ONE GIRL!
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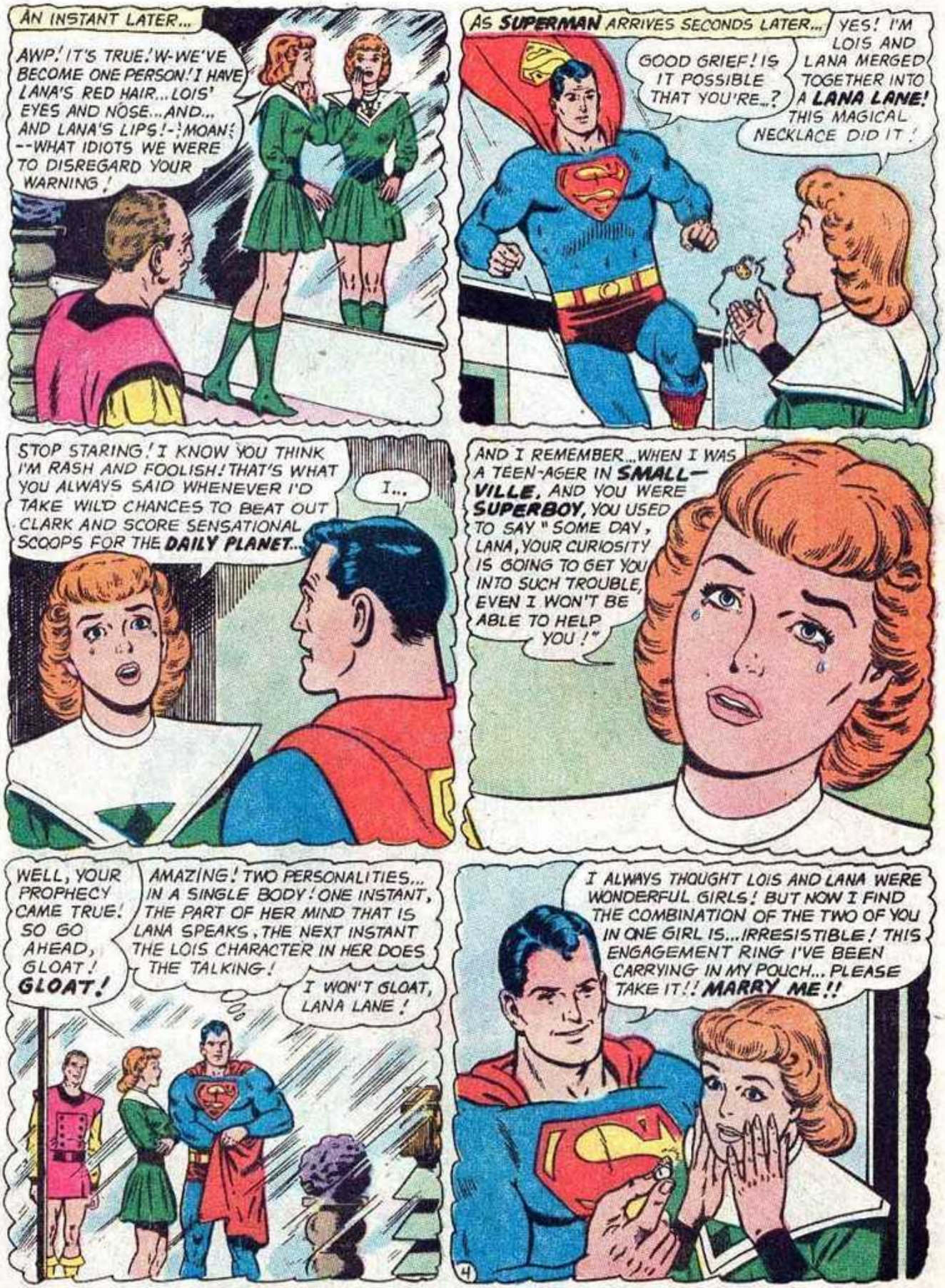
AN INSTANT LATER...
AWP! IT'S TRUE! W-WE'VE BECOME ONE PERSON! I HAVE LANA'S RED HAIR... LOIS' EYES AND NOSE... AND... AND LANA'S LIPS! -MOAN- --WHAT IDIOTS WE WERE TO DISREGARD YOUR WARNING!
AS SUPERMAN ARRIVES SECONDS LATER...
GOOD GRIEF! IS IT POSSIBLE THAT YOU'RE...?
YES! I'M LOIS AND LANA MERGED TOGETHER INTO A LANA LANE! THIS MAGICAL NECKLACE DID IT!
STOP STARING! I KNOW YOU THINK I'M RASH AND FOOLISH! THAT'S WHAT YOU ALWAYS SAID WHENEVER I'D TAKE WILD CHANCES TO BEAT OUT CLARK AND SCORE SENSATIONAL SCOOPS FOR THE DAILY PLANET...
I...
AND I REMEMBER... WHEN I WAS A TEEN-AGER IN SMALLVILLE, AND YOU WERE SUPERBOY, YOU USED TO SAY "SOME DAY, LANA, YOUR CURIOSITY IS GOING TO GET YOU INTO SUCH TROUBLE, EVEN I WON'T BE ABLE TO HELP YOU!"
WELL, YOUR PROPHECY CAME TRUE! SO GO AHEAD, GLOAT! GLOAT!
AMAZING! TWO PERSONALITIES... IN A SINGLE BODY! ONE INSTANT, THE PART OF HER MIND THAT IS LANA SPEAKS, THE NEXT INSTANT THE LOIS CHARACTER IN HER DOES THE TALKING!
I WON'T GLOAT, LANA LANE!
I ALWAYS THOUGHT LOIS AND LANA WERE WONDERFUL GIRLS! BUT NOW I FIND THE COMBINATION OF THE TWO OF YOU IN ONE GIRL IS... IRRESISTIBLE! THIS ENGAGEMENT RING I'VE BEEN CARRYING IN MY POUCH... PLEASE TAKE IT!! MARRY ME!!
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MY FOSTER MOTHER GAVE THIS RING TO ME YEARS AGO BEFORE SHE DIED... FOR A MOMENT LIKE THIS! FOR YEARS I'VE BELIEVED I'D NEVER MARRY, FEARING CRIMINALS WOULD HARM MY BRIDE TO GET REVENGE ON ME, BUT I LOVE YOU SO MUCH...
...I-I'LL FIGURE OUT SOME WAY TO PROTECT YOU FROM MY ENEMIES! SAY "YES"!
SPEAKING FOR THE LANA IN ME... YES! - AND FOR THE LOIS IN ME... YES, YES, YES!!
WAIT HERE WHILE I PREPARE A SURPRISE FOR YOU!
I'M SO HAPPY, DARLING! IT'S IRONIC NEITHER LOIS NOR LANA COULD WIN YOU... YET YOU LOVE ME, A COMBINATION OF BOTH OF THEM!
:CHOKE: -- SHE DOESN'T KNOW THAT HER LOVE IS... DOOMED!
AS SUPERMAN RETURNS, MINUTES LATER...
THE SPECIAL SURPRISE IS READY, DARLING!
I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO SEE IT!
SHORTLY...
HOW DO YOU LIKE THIS HONEYMOON PALACE I BUILT FOR US IN THIS JUNGLE CLEARING, AT SUPER-SPEED? WE CAN LIVE HERE AFTER WE'RE MARRIED!
IT'S GORGEOUS! I USED TO DREAM THIS MIGHT HAPPEN EVER SINCE YOU KISSED ME WHEN I WAS SWEET SIXTEEN, IN SMALLVILLE!

SOON, INSIDE...
I JUST LOVE IT!... BUT WHY DID YOU MAKE THOSE TWO PAINTINGS OF LOIS AND LANA IF YOU ADORE ME?
THEY'RE PAINTED ON A TRANSPARENT MATERIAL, DEAR! WATCH WHAT HAPPENS AS I PRESS THIS BUTTON!
GASP!--ONE PICTURE SWUNG BEFORE THE OTHER ONE... A GLOBE LIT UP BEHIND THE TWO PICTURES, ILLUMINATING DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE TWO PAINTINGS SO THAT THE TWO PAINTINGS BLEND TOGETHER AND LOOK LIKE ME...
...YOU! THE WOMAN I WANT TO MARRY!
LATER, AT THE COLONY...
SUPERMAN! THERE'S SOMETHING I DREADED TO TELL YOU, BUT NOW I MUST!
DARLING! SOMETHING TELLS ME HE'S GOT BAD NEWS...
DON'T GET UPSET, SWEETHEART, UNTIL WE FIND OUT WHAT'S WRONG!
CHOKE! THE EFFECT OF THE MAGIC NECKLACE LASTS ONLY BRIEFLY! THEN THE MERGED BEINGS SPLIT APART INTO THEIR ORIGINAL, INDIVIDUAL FORMS ONCE AGAIN. MINUTES LATER, THEY BOTH DIE! SEE?
THE FLYING LAMB SEPARATED INTO ITS ORIGINAL FORMS OF A LAMB AND AN EAGLE! THE POOR CREATURES... TH-THEY'RE DEAD!
GREAT SCOTT! LOOK AT THAT!
THE PARROT-DOG JUST SEPARATED INTO ITS TWO ORIGINAL BODIES, TOO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THIS MAGIC DRAGONETTE CAN SAVE ONLY ONE OF THE TWO ORIGINAL FORMS! WHOEVER HOLDS THE DRAGONETTE, CAN WILL ONE BODY TO LIVE...BUT THE OTHER FORM MUST DIE! WATCH! I AM WILLING THE DOG TO LIVE!
NEXT MOMENT...
SEE? IT'S JUST AS I WILLED IT! THE DOG LIVES, BUT THE PARROT PERISHED!
GASP!--LOOK! LANA LANE NO LONGER EXISTS! SHE'S SPLITTING APART INTO THE SEPARATE BODIES OF... LOIS AND LANA!
IF WHAT THE CURATOR SAYS IS TRUE...
...THEN ONE OF US GIRLS WILL... DIE!

QUICK! TAKE THE DRAGONETTE AND THINK OF THE ONE GIRL YOU WISH TO LIVE! IF YOU DON'T, BOTH WILL DIE IN TEN MINUTES!
HOW CAN I DO IT? IF I THINK OF ONE OF THE GIRLS, IT'LL BE DOOMING THE OTHER!
REMEMBER OUR CHILDHOOD FRIENDSHIP IN SMALLVILLE, SUPERMAN? I KNEW YOU LONG BEFORE LOIS EVER MET YOU! BE FAIR! SAVE ME!
NO!... I'VE RESCUED YOU FROM A PAINFUL DEATH BY KRYPTONITE MANY TIMES! YOU OWE IT TO ME TO SAVE MY LIFE NOW!
TORN BY HIS DILEMMA, SUPERMAN SEEKS TO ESCAPE MAKING THE CHOICE...
BY SQUEEZING THIS ROCK FROM ZERMB WITH SUPER-PRESSURE AND MELTING IT WITH HEAT VISION, I'M REARRANGING ITS ATOMIC STRUCTURE! IF MY THEORY IS CORRECT, IT SHOULD THEN EMIT RAYS WHICH MAY BE ABLE TO NEUTRALIZE THE SPELL AND SAVE BOTH OF YOU!
BUT...
CHOKE!--IT DIDN'T WORK! NO RAYS ARE COMING FROM THE ROCK! WELL, I'LL FLIP THIS PLAQUE OF MALIGNIA! IF IT LANDS ON ITS HEAD SIDE, I'LL SAVE LOIS! TAILS... AND I'LL RESCUE LANA!
MALIGNIA
ULP!--I SPUN IT SO SWIFTLY, FRICTION WITH THE AIR IS MELTING IT! THE TEN MINUTES ARE ALMOST OVER! I GUESS... IT'S FATED... FOR ME TO CHOOSE WHICH ONE YOU WILL LIVE!
MALIGNIA
WAIT, SUPERMAN! SAVE LANA! I'VE... BEEN THINKING IT OVER...!
THOUGH LANA AND I HAVE BEEN RIVALS FOR YOUR LOVE, WE ARE FRIENDS! I CHEERFULLY SACRIFICE MYSELF! CHOOSE HER! ALL I ASK IS THAT YOU LET ME KISS YOU FAREWELL!
GASP! THE LITTLE MINX! BY PRETENDING TO BE NOBLE AND BRAVE, SHE'S HOPING YOU FAVOR HER INSTEAD OF ME! DON'T BE TRICKED!!
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AND NOW SHE'S KISSING YOU GOODBYE! SHE'S DOING THIS PURPOSELY, TO CREATE SYMPATHY FOR HERSELF! HER TEARS ARE PHONEY! DON'T LET HER FOOL YOU WITH HER GRANDSTAND PLAY!
SOB!
SECONDS LATER...
:CHOKE: I'VE DECIDED WHICH ONE OF YOU TO CHOOSE! I'M GOING TO SAVE L...
WAIT! THE TEN MINUTES JUST PASSED... AND BOTH LANA AND I ARE STILL ALIVE!-??- HOW CAN THAT BE?!
I GET IT! THIS ROCK WHOSE ATOMIC STRUCTURE I RE-ARRANGED SAVED BOTH OF YOU, AFTER ALL! BECAUSE ZERMB'S ATMOSPHERE DIFFERS FROM OUR EARTH'S, IT MUST HAVE EMITTED INVISIBLE RAYS WE COULDN'T SEE--LIKE INFRA-RED RAYS OR COSMIC RAYS!
IN THE FORTRESS, AS THE GIRLS REMOVE THE MENTO-HELMETS WHICH HAD HELPED THEM RECALL THE ENTIRE EXPERIENCE...
THE ROCK FROM ZERMB MUST'VE HAD ANOTHER DELAYED EFFECT ON LANA AND ME! AMNESIA! BECAUSE AFTER THE ALIENS LEFT EARTH, SHE AND I FORGOT THE WHOLE THING!
WHICH OF US HAD YOU DECIDED TO SAVE?
YOU'LL NEVER KNOW!
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FLASH! GET OUT OF THE WAY! DON'T TRY TO SAVE ME! THIS IS A CONTACT BOMB!
I'VE GOT TO KEEP THAT BOMB FROM FALLING!
THE FLASH BEGINS VIBRATING SO FAST—THAT HE CREATES AN UPDRAFT OF AIR WHICH ACTS AS A CUSHION AGAINST THE BOMB AND KEEPS IT FROM FALLING—
—THEN, HE RACES UP THE CLIFF WHILE HIS VIBRATIONS MOMENTARILY KEEP THE BOMB UP!
ZIP
AS THE BOMB STARTS TO FALL, HE DIVES HEADLONG *INTO IT*—
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LETTERS TO LOIS N-345

Dear Editor:

The September *Lois Lane* (*Giant* issue G-75) was an excellent annual. The selection of stories really did include some of Lois' greatest scoops and most exciting adventures.

"The Reversed Super-Powers" reminded me of another Lois Lane story, "The Girl Who Refused to Marry Superman," which appeared in the January, 1963 issue. As you will recall, this was a Lady-or-the-Tiger type story, with a tricky ending which required readers to send in their own comments and opinions. I think it would be interesting if you would reprint this story in a future issue of *Lois Lane*, and again get readers' reactions.

Of course, since it's been revealed how much Lois loves Superman (and vice-versa), one might think that, naturally, "The Girl Who Refused to Marry Superman" was not Lois. But seeing the girl reporter's actions in "The Reversed Super-Powers" might even things out a bit! I think it would really be quite interesting to see what kind of controversy could be stirred up by reprinting the story.

Gregory Kent, Goleta, Calif.

(The trouble we found with that story, Greg, was that the refusal of one girl to marry the Man of Steel was not real, but only part of Superman's dream. However, in this issue, we have a story that presents a real *choice. Check it and see which girl you think Supie intended to save in "Superman's Romance with Lana Lane." We have our own ideas; what are yours?—E.N.B.)*

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ear Editor:

In *Giant Lois Lane* #104, I'm a little mixed up. The story "The Girl Who Destroyed Atlantis" has a big boo-boo. Lois is sent back to *ancient* Atlantis, right? Then how come Klar-Kan has glasses?

B.B., Greenville, Ohio

(You mean you accept the fact that they had super-explosives, weather-control towers, TV monitor screens and anti-gravity cars, and yet you won't accept eyeglasses? If they were so advanced, they must have had means for correcting defective vision.—E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

Giant Lois Lane #104 was great. I especially liked the story "The Super-Prisoner of Amazon Island."

If I had been on the island, and had said to Superman, "Cut yourself with an Earthly object," would I have become Mrs. Superman?

Nicole Schneider, St. Louis, Mo.

(Well, Superman would have had to be pretty sharp to perform that *feat, Nicole. It's a good thing for Lois that none of her rivals had your wits!—E.N.B.)*

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Dear Editor:

In the *Lois Lane Giant*, I noticed something in "The Super-Prisoner of Amazon Island." In it, Superman has to perform a task for each of the girls, and if he fails, he has to marry her. Why didn't one of the girls order him to marry her? If he failed, he'd have to marry her, and if he succeeded, he'd marry her, anyway.

Also, on page 2, panel 3, it shows Dr. Blaine, Julia Johns, Sonya Sophia and someone in a blue dress with brown hair, sitting opposite Dr. Blaine. Is that a mistake? If not, who is she?

Susan Morrison, Miami, Fla.

(It's either a mistake, or one of the club members never identified herself—and sure kept in the background during most of the story. As for the task you dreamed up, all we can say is—Susie, you sure are sneaky!—E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

Having just read the *Lois Lane Giant* #104, I have one complaint. In "The Monkey's Paw," you show a picture of Superman fighting assorted Supermen for the love of Lois. On the ground behind Lois there lies, in his familiar crimson-and-gold costume, the original Captain Marvel.

I know you put him out of business in the 1950's, but do you have to go so far as to gloat over it? I mean, he was one of the most popular heroes of the Golden Age.

Lex Morris, Livonia, Mich.

(No one was "rubbing it in." It happens that the artist who drew the story, Kurt Schaffenberger, used to be one of the men who depicted the original Captain Marvel. It was strictly a private joke on his part when he put the Big Red Cheese (as Dr. Sivana called Cap) in the picture. The first time the story was printed, this wasn't noticed because the coloring was different from Cap's. But when yours truly edited the tale for reprinting, I recognized a favorite hero of my childhood and insisted on coloring him right. By the way, the new Academy of Comic Book Arts has paid tribute to the first Captain Marvel by naming its annual award the Shazam, *the name of the wizard who gave him his powers.—E.N.B.)*

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Dear Editor:

Your latest *Giant Lois Lane* is great. The cover is good, though you didn't have the small picture of Lois

and Superman at the top.

I found one boo-boo. In "The Super-Prisoner of Amazon Island," Supie names the comet he created "Comet Blaine—1958." But if you look at page 1, you'll find that the tale is dated December, 1957 (*Action* #235).

Also, I didn't see the usual table of contents in this issue. What gives?

Mike Smith, Norman, Okla.

(The story was probably written with the idea that it would appear in 1958—then no one thought to alter the date when it was published earlier. As for the contents page, we simply didn't have room in that issue—but we have one in this Lois Giant.*—E.N.B.)*

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Dear Editor:

I found a mistake in the Lois Lane Giant. In the fifth story, page 6, panel 1, Lois is lifting the refrigerator while heating it with her infra-red vision. I know that she wouldn't get burned, because in the story she's invulnerable, but her pajamas should. What kept them from being burned off?

Miriam T. Nebrida, Imperial Beach, Calif.

(The Comics Code Authority has powers even greater than a Super-Lois.—E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

Lois Lane #104 was really marvelous. However, in "The Monkey's Paw," why didn't Superman take the magic paw and wish to be immune to Kryptonite? Why doesn't the Man of Steel use his brain?

Linda Gillman, Chicago, Ill.

(Probably he doubted that the paw would really work. In fact, when you get right down to it, the paw never was really tried out. So in the end, no one could be absolutely sure whether it could grant wishes or not! And, also, it could be that Supie prefers not to monkey *around with magic.—E.N.B.)*

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Dear Editor:

In *Giant Lois Lane*, in "The Town of Supermen," Lois said, "Like Superman, their hair doesn't grow in our solar system, due to our yellow sun's rays! . . . Besides, their hair is so invulnerable, no barber's shears would be powerful enough to cut it!"

Therefore, Superbaby must have had as much hair when he came to Earth as he has now, as an adult Superman. How do you explain this?

Christopher Bailey, Tulsa, Okla.

(Superbaby, being about two years old when sent to Earth, had a full head of hair. The only growing it could do here was to conform with his physical growth, which was not affected by the yellow sun's ultra-solar rays. —E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

In the most recent *Lois Lane Giant*, the last story, Lois states while talking to Lori that it was good that she knew how to read and speak Atlantean. This would mean that they were speaking Atlantean and Lori didn't know how to speak English. *What!?* We all know that Lori can speak English. *And don't tell me that she can't!*

David Kaufman, Brooklyn, N.Y.

(We never said so, but you should have read more carefully. They weren't speaking *any language, but were communicating by telepathy. Lori had just translated an inscription in Atlantean, and Lois was reminding her that no translation was needed, since she—Lois—could read that language. Naturally, this was a device used by the writer to establish the fact, so that Lois' ability to speak to the ancient Atlanteans later wouldn't hit the reader by surprise.—E.N.B.)*

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Dear Editor:

I wish to congratulate you on *Lois Lane* #104. I only found one goof (or think I have). In "The Reversed Super-Powers," page 5, panel 1, Lois says she won't print the fact that Supie has lost his powers. But on the front cover, there it is, in a headline. Please explain.

D. Kruse, Swift Current, Sask., Canada

(Don't blame Lois for breaking her word. It was the Editor's fault. We wanted to use the story in the issue of Lois' greatest scoops, so we faked it a little on the cover. Are we forgiven?—E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

I thought Giant Lois Lane # 104 was GREAT! I never read such a good comic book in all my life.

My favorite story in the issue was "The Reversed Super-Powers! It was fantastic! Whoever the artist is, tell him he's GREAT!

Keep up the good work!

Roberta Voll, Toronto, Ohio

(Say, there's something wrong here! No complaints! No requests! No gimmicks! Just a simple letter of praise! We were beginning to think they'd gone out of style. All we can say, Roberta, is that we think you're . . . what was that word? . . . oh, yes . . . GREAT!—E.N.B.)

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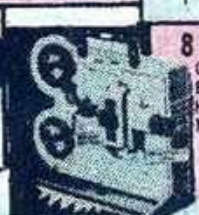

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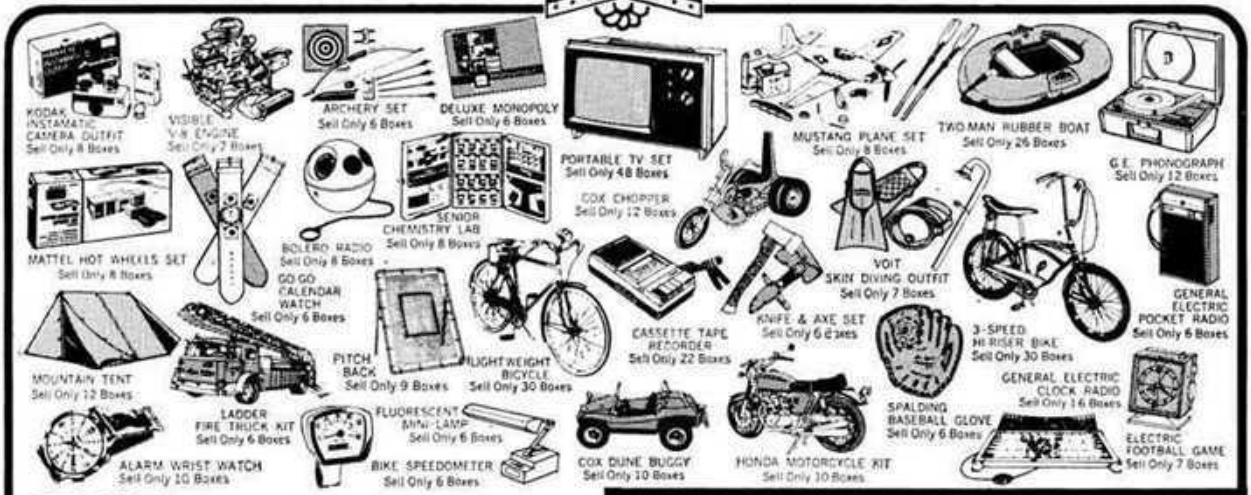
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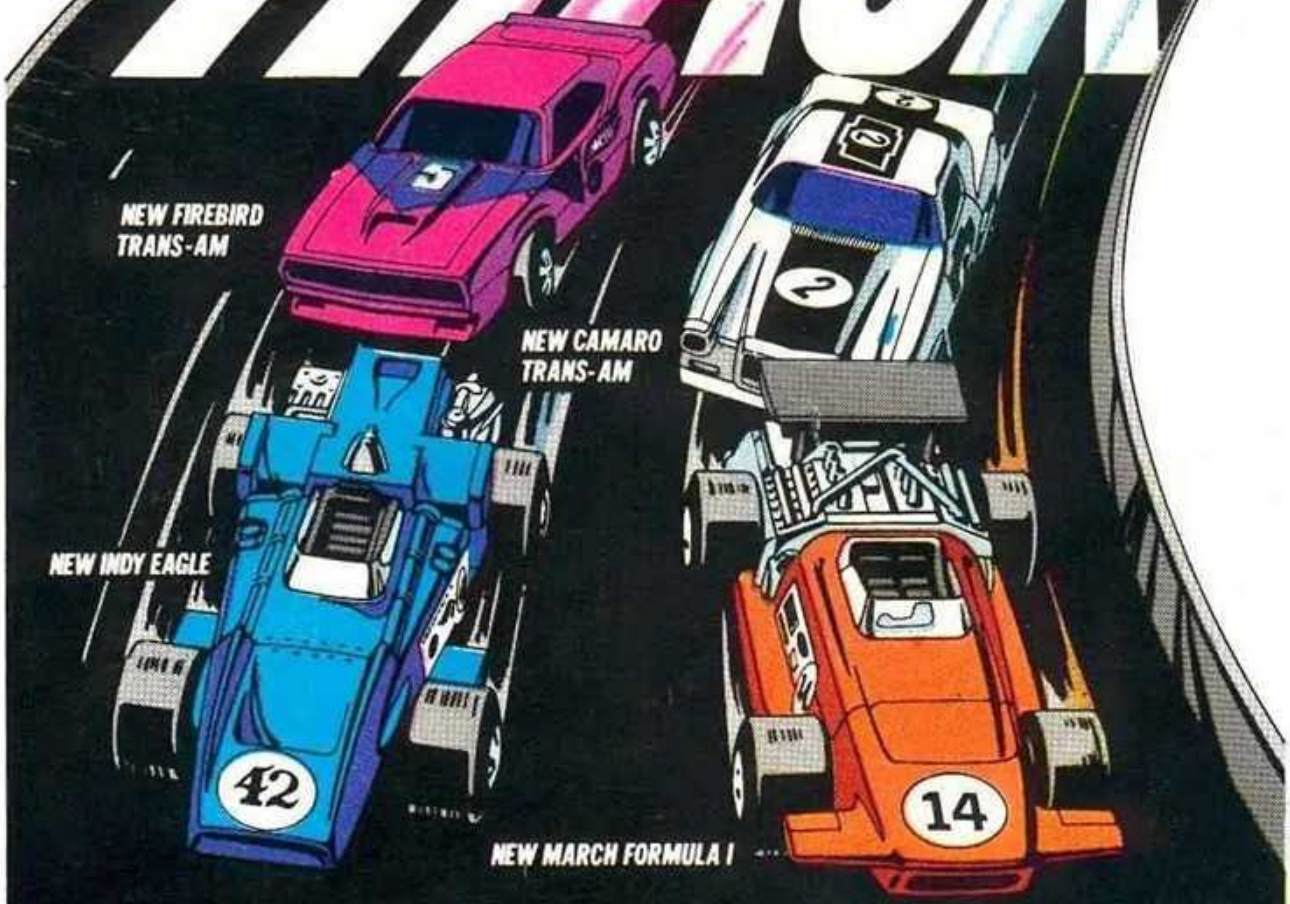

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